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我妻さんは俺のヨメ

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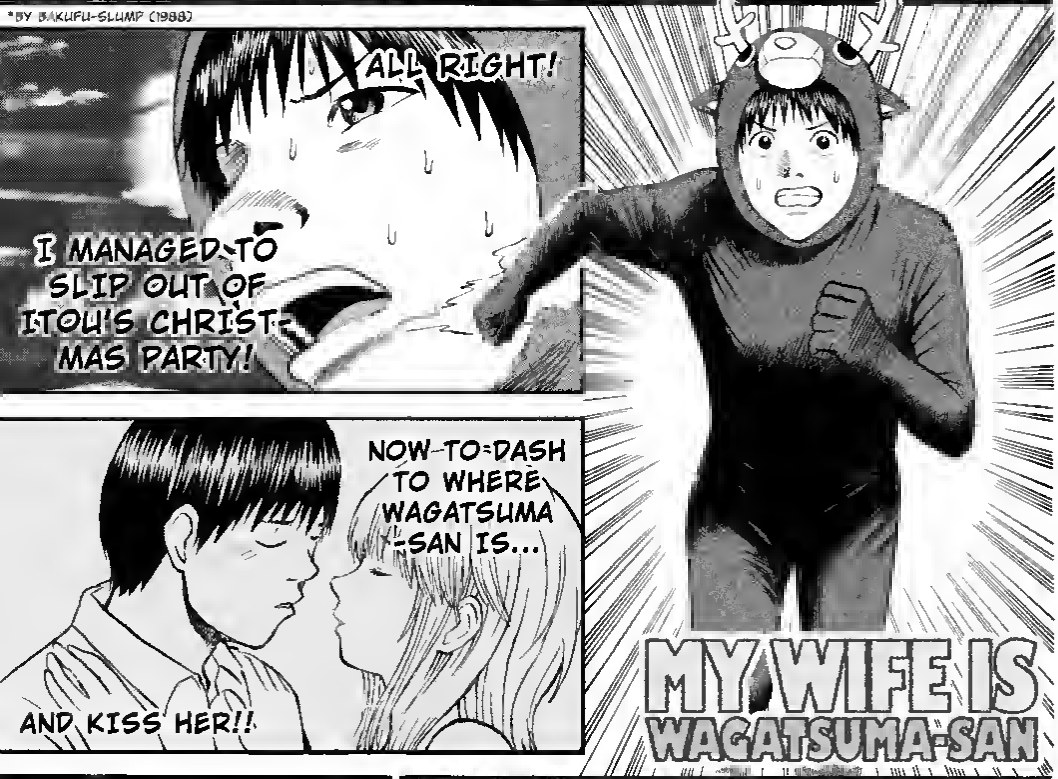
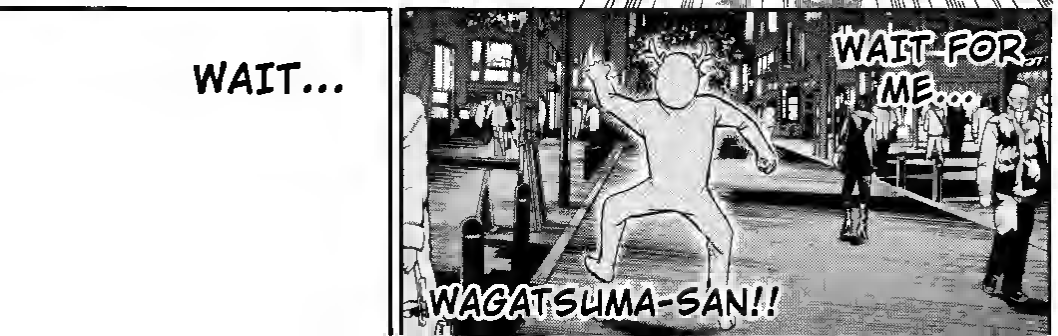

ALL RIGHT!
I MANAGED TO SLIP OUT OF ITOU'S CHRIST-MAS PARTY!
NOW TO DASH TO WHERE WAGATSUMA-SAN IS...
AND KISS HER!!
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN



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WHERE THE HECK WAS I PLANNING TO GO?!!!
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
DANG IT! DANG IT!! WHAT THE HECK, MAN?!
INSIDE
PART 52
DANGER ZONE
AW, A DEPRESSED REINDEER.
OH LORD, HOW CUTE!
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES...
I MUST FIND HER BEFORE THE NIGHT IS OVER...
WELL, DON'T YOU REMEMBER THAT KISS? THE ONE ON CHRISTMAS...
I MUST MAKE HER WORDS FROM THE T.S. A REALITY TONIGHT...
DANG IT!! WHAT'M I SUPPOSED TO DO?!
OR THE FUTURE'LL PROBABLY CHANGE AGAIN!!

ARE PROBABLY CHATTING UP MY CUTE LITTLE WAGATSUMA-SAN AS WE SPEAK...
THOSE ACCURSED LIFE-HAVERS...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
AHHH...
(I GET THE FEELING) I CAN SEE IT NOW...
WOBBLE
WOBBLE...
AAAAA-HHHH!!
AHH!
STAND STILL!!
O TIME...

HUH?!!!
FREEZE
ヒロタ
YOU SCARED ME.
DUDE, WHAT THE HECK?
I WAS EVEN STARTING TO WORRY IT MIGHT NOT START BACK UP AGAIN!!
I THOUGHT I HAD GAINED NOT ONLY THE ABILITY TO TIME SLIP, BUT TO STOP TIME ITSELF!!
WHOA! THAT SCARED ME!!
I THOUGHT TIME HAD ACTUALLY STOPPED!!

I'M ALWAYS HANGING OUT WITH THOSE MORONS, SO WHEN THE TIME COMES TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS!!
DANG IT! I AM SUCH AN IDIOT!
WHY DON'T I HAVE A SINGLE LIFE-HAVER FRIEND?! I'M AN IDIOT! A MORON! A BALDIE!!
I SHOULD HAVE HUNG OUT WITH THE LIFE-HAVERS MORE!!
...
WHAM
PACE
PACE
PACE
TAP
TAP
TAP
WHUMP

Hey, Dobashi-kun, you don't happen to be at a Christmas party right now, do you?
yeah. i'm at a christmas party at the karaoke place in front of the station.
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VZZZ-ZZZT
!!
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*"KARAOKE PIG ECHO"

I FEEL LIKE THAT ITALIAN FELLOW WITH THE MOUSTACHE TRYING TO SAVE HIS PRINCESS FROM THE GIANT TURTLE!!
KARAOKE PIG ECHO
UGH...
カラオケ
Karaoke Entertainment
ピッグエコー
NOW...
INTO THE CASTLE!!
OKAY. I FINALLY MADE IT.
THIS...IS THE PLAN!!
IT'S GO TIME!!
SMOOCH
~WHISTLES~
~WHISTLES~
③PASSIONATE KISS
OH, WITH PLEA-SURE!
I LOVE YOU, WAGA-TSUMA-SAN!! KISS ME, PLEASE!
②CONFESSION OF LOVE
OH! IT'S AOSHI-MA!!
WHAM
EXCUSE ME!!
①SUDDEN ARRIVAL

RATHER UN-LIKELY ?!!
WAIT... ISN'T THAT SE-QUENCE OF EVENTS...
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF CRASHING A PARTY YOU WEREN'T IN-VITED TO?!
I MEAN, JUST TAKE ① FOR EXAMPLE.
OHHH?! AOSHI-MA!!
I COULD NEVER ASK HER OUT IN FRONT OF ALL THOSE PEOPLE. AND EVEN IF I COULD, THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D OKAY IT.
AND ② IS WEIRD TOO.
SHE'LL CALL THE COPS!!
AM I GONNA DO THIS WITHOUT HER GO-AHEAD?!

HUH ?! HUH ?!
I'M GLAD YOU CAME, MAN!
OH... DOBA- SHI...
KUN.
WHAT?! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE COMING!
WHOA ?!!!
WHUMP
HEEEY!!
YEAH!
AOSHI- MA'S HERE!!
LOOK, EVERY- BODY!
OH LORD, THAT IS TOOOO HILAR- IOUS!
わーわー WOO-HOO!
YOU'RE REALLY IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT, HUH?
COS- PLAY, EH?
わーわー YAY!

I DON'T MIND BEING IN YOUR ARMS... ♡
?
JUST FOR TO-NIGHT...
I USUALLY THINK NOTHING OF YOU, DOBASHI, BUT...
NO...
MORE IM-PORTANTLY...
BA-DUMP
SHE'S HERE !!!!
ニコッ
SMILE

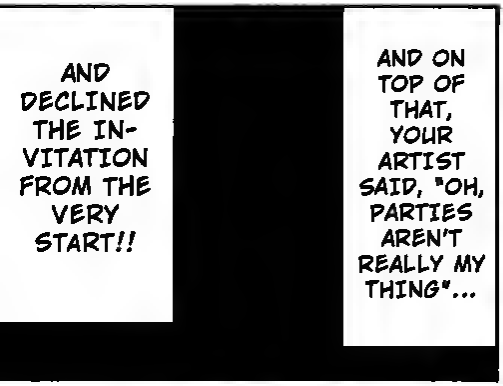
ALL HANDS TO BATTLE STATIONS!
BEEEEEP
BEEEEEP
DISTANCE TO TARGET IS APPROX-IMATELY 10 METERS!
TARGET IN SIGHT! TARGET IN SIGHT!
FWAP
SHOULD WE CLOSE THE DISTANCE AND EN-GAGE THE TARGET, SIR?!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, CAP-TAIN?!
CAP-TAIN ?!!!
CAP-TAIN?!
AND OBSERVE THE TARGET!!
FIRST, WE WILL KEEP OUR DISTANCE...

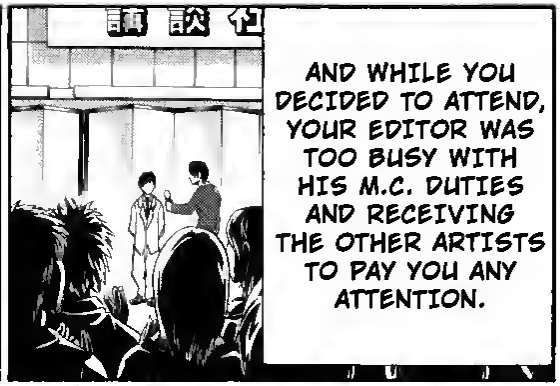
DRESSED TO THE FRIGGIN' TENS...
AS I EXPECTED, THE UPPER CRUST FROM EACH CLASS IS HERE...
BUT...LIKE, WOW...
ノー ノー ミュージ
No No mus
ウィ ラヴ ア
We love a
ボディ
BODY.
I BET THEY WOULD NEVER MIRACULOUSLY ALL SHOW UP IN REINDEER COSTUMES...
WHOA!
ビクッ
FLINCH
ドッ
BOOM
WAHA-HAHAHA! I TOLD YOU NOT TO TELL THAT ONE!!
YEAH, I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE SAID THAT.
IN THE MIDDLE OF GIRL-TALK, HUH?
WASN'T THAT, LIKE, MEAN OF HER?
ワイワイ
ワイワイ
ワイワイ
AND THE OTHER SIDE IS...
YEP, YEP.
WELL, THEY CERTAINLY ARE IN HIGH SPIRITS...

HAVE I BEEN STRAND-ED?
I KNOW, RIGHT?
THAT'S SO MEAN, RIGHT?
YEAH!
NO... DON'T TELL ME...
THE ONLY FRIENDLY IN THE AREA, DOBASHI, IS SO FAR AWAY...
MY FORCES ARE COMPLETELY ISOLATED...
AND MY TARGET, WAGATSUMA-SAN, MAY AS WELL BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET...
THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUERY IS A RE-SOUNDING "YES"!!
YOU MAY, DEAR READERS, BE THINK-ING, "THERE ARE LAND-MINES AT PARTIES?"
AOSHIMA HAS JUST STEPPED ON ONE OF THE MANY LANDMINES FOUND AT PARTIES.

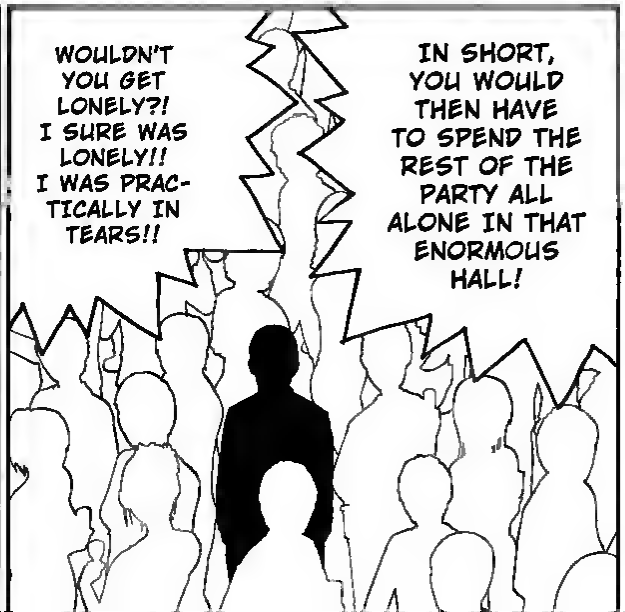
HELD A NEW YEAR'S PARTY AT A CERTAIN HOTEL!!
AND THAT AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THE EDITING DEPARTMENT OF THE MAGAZINE YOUR COMIC APPEARS IN...

JUST FOR EXAMPLE, LET US SAY THAT YOU ARE A MANGA WRITER.

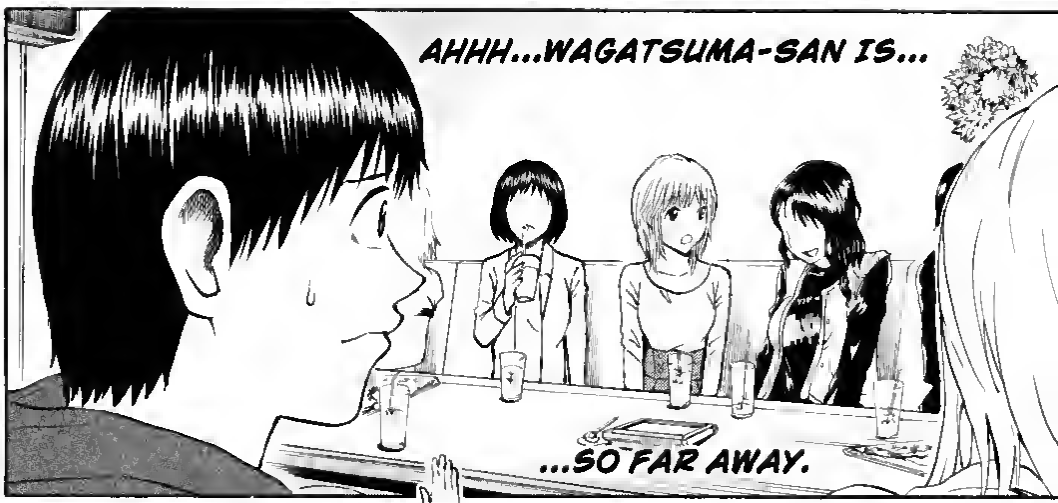

AND DECLINED THE INVITATION FROM THE VERY START!!
AND ON TOP OF THAT, YOUR ARTIST SAID, "OH, PARTIES AREN'T REALLY MY THING"...

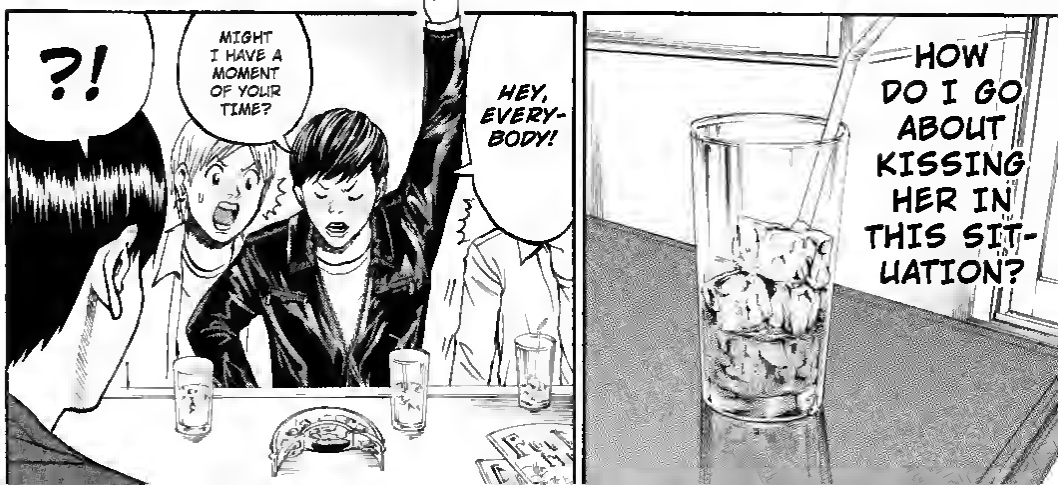

AND WHILE YOU DECIDED TO ATTEND, YOUR EDITOR WAS TOO BUSY WITH HIS M.C. DUTIES AND RECEIVING THE OTHER ARTISTS TO PAY YOU ANY ATTENTION.

BE CAREFUL, DEAR READERS !!!!
WELL, THE POINT IS: "IT SUCKS BEING ALONE AT A PARTY!!"


WOULDN'T YOU GET LONELY?! I SURE WAS LONELY!! I WAS PRACTICALLY IN TEARS!!
IN SHORT, YOU WOULD THEN HAVE TO SPEND THE REST OF THE PARTY ALL ALONE IN THAT ENORMOUS HALL!

WAS THAT AT ALL NECES-SARY?!
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT DIGRES-SION ABOUT ?!!!!
THAT WAS WAY TOO LONG !!!!


AHHH...WAGATSUMA-SAN IS...
...SO FAR AWAY.

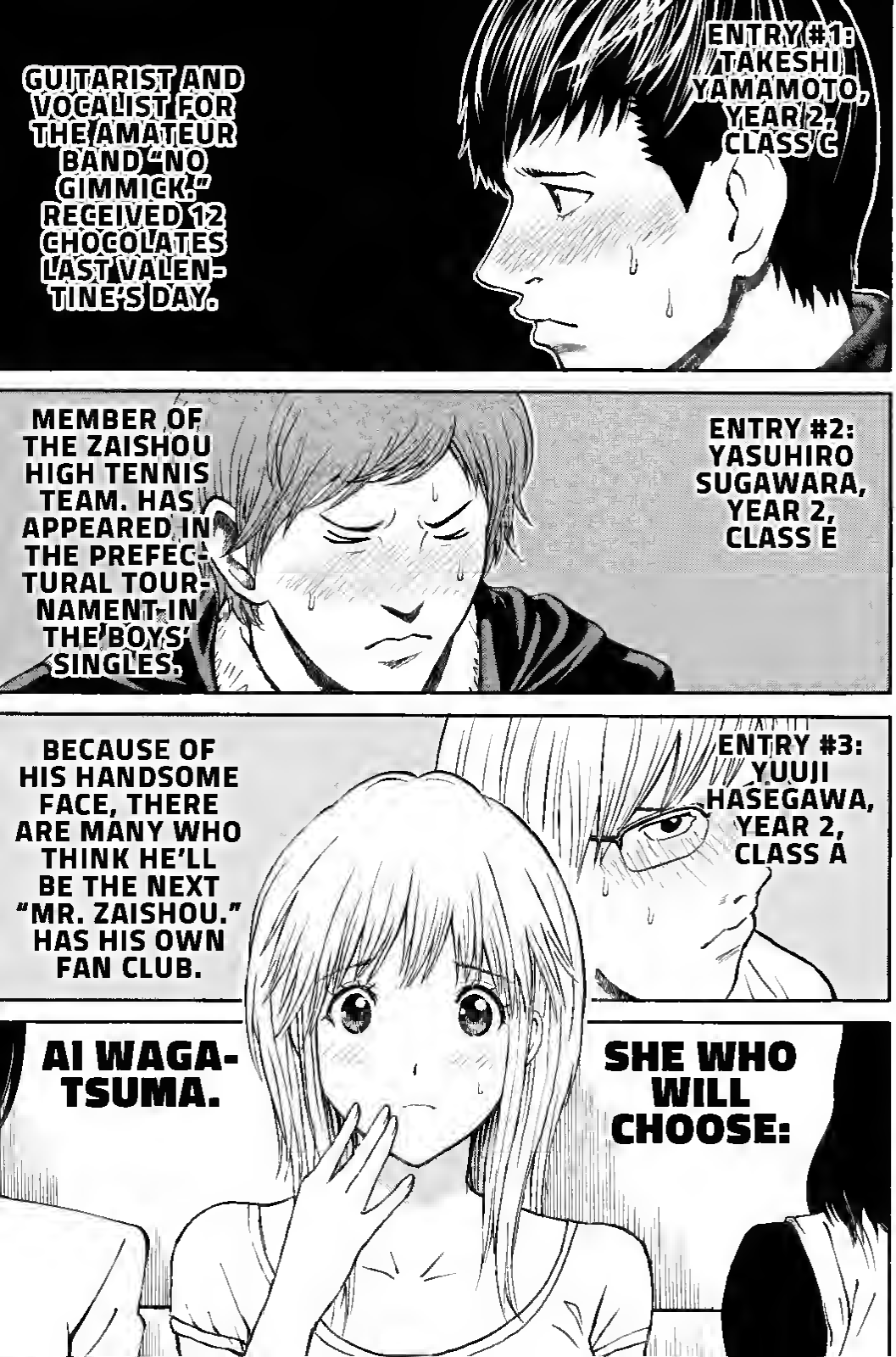

?!
MIGHT I HAVE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME?
HEY, EVERY-BODY!
HOW DO I GO ABOUT KISSING HER IN THIS SIT-UATION?

NOW, LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN, YOUR ATTEN-TION PLEASE!
WHAT THE...?
YAY!
YAY!
ALL RIGHT, GO FOR IT, DUDE!!
WE'RE CHEER-ING FOR YOU!!
FOR REAL?! OH MAN!!
HUH?! YOU'RE REALLY GONNA DO IT, DUDE?!
I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU THE MOMENT I FIRST LAID EYES ON YOU!! PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!
WAGA-TSUMA-SAN!!

...HUH ?!!!
HUH?! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO, AI?!
EEK!
OHHHHH! A CON-FESSION OF LOVE OUT OF NO-WHERE?!
WHAT?! NO WAY!!
WHOA!
IF YOU PLEASE !!!!
WAH!!
WAH!!
WH-
WHADDA YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOU ASS?! YOU CAN'T JUST ASK HER OUT IN FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE!!
SURELY YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT WILL BE FOR HER TO TURN YOU DOWN WITH EVERYONE WATCHING!!

RIGHT THERE !!!!
HEY, HOLD IT...
OH! NOW SUGA-WARA FROM CLASS C IS TRYING HIS LUCK!!
MY FEELINGS FOR YOU LOSE TO NO MAN'S !!!!
PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!!
THUNK
NO WAY! I LOVE HER THE MOST!!
WHOA!! EVEN HASE-GAWA FROM CLASS A IS GETTING IN ON THE ACTION!!

WAH!
WHOA!
WOW!
WOO-HOO!
YEAH!
NOW WHAT?!
BA-DUMP
HITOSHI ?!!!
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO SIT THERE AND WATCH...
TO BE CONTINUED!


ENTRY #1: TAKESHI YAMAMOTO, YEAR 2, CLASS C
GUITARIST AND VOCALIST FOR THE AMATEUR BAND "NO GIMMICK." RECEIVED 12 CHOCOLATES LAST VALENTINE'S DAY.
ENTRY #2: YASUHIRO SUGAWARA, YEAR 2, CLASS E
MEMBER OF THE ZAISHOU HIGH TENNIS TEAM. HAS APPEARED IN THE PREFECTURAL TOURNAMENT IN THE BOYS' SINGLES.
ENTRY #3: YUUJI HASEGAWA, YEAR 2, CLASS A
BECAUSE OF HIS HANDSOME FACE, THERE ARE MANY WHO THINK HE'LL BE THE NEXT "MR. ZAISHOU." HAS HIS OWN FAN CLUB.
AI WAGATSUMA.
SHE WHO WILL CHOOSE:

MEMBER OF THE DX CORPS
HE WHO WILL WATCH THAT FROM AFAR: HITOSHI AOSHIMA, YEAR 2, CLASS D
THE TITLE DOESN'T MAKE THE MAN, BUT IT STILL DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE'S GOT A CHANCE!
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
STORY: YUU KURAISHI COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA

BOOM!
WHO WILL RECEIVE THE OKAY?!
カラオケ
NOW THINGS ARE GETTING EXCITING!!
PART 53
Like A Rolling Stone

BAD!!
OH JEEZ...! OH JEEZ! OH JEEZ! OH JEEZ! THIS IS EXTREMELY...
PHEW, IS ANYONE ELSE FEELING NERVOUS? I KNOW I AM!

WITH THESE THREE HIGH-SPEC GUYS ASKING HER OUT, SURELY THERE IS ONE AMONG THEM WHO IS HER TYPE...
AND EVEN IF NONE OF THEM ARE HER TYPE...

I COULDN'T DREAM OF A HARDER SITUATION IN WHICH TO TURN SOMEONE DOWN!!
WITH THE EYES OF THE ENTIRE ROOM ON HER...
THERE'S NO WAY THE SWEET, KIND WAGATSUMA-SAN...
WHAT'M I GONNA DO?
WHAT'M I GONNA DO?
WOULD TAKE KINDLY TO HURTING SOMEONE IN FRONT OF OTHERS!!
...A TIME LIKE THIS !!!!
I CAN STAY QUIET AT...
WHAT'M I GONNA DO? WHAT'M I GONNA DO?!
...NO, I KNOW WHAT I MUST DO!!
THERE'S NO WAY...!!

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AN-
OTHER
ONE?!
WHO'S
THAT?!
NOT...
B3
SO
FAST
!!!!
BOOM
I'M
ENTER-
ING...
THIS
CONTEST
AS WELL
!!!!
PFFT!
WAHAHAHAHA!
YOU, AOSHI-
MA?! YOU?!!
BOOM
SERIOUSLY?!
YOU'RE GOING
TO THROW
YOUR HAT INTO
THE RING,
AOSHIMA?!
HAVE
YOU
SEEN
YOUR-
SELF?!

IF THAT HAPPENS ?!!!
...BUT WHAT AM I GONNA DO...
AND (I DON'T THINK) SHE HAS ANYTHING AGAINST ME IN THE PRESENT.
WAGATSUMA-SAN IS MY FUTURE WIFE.
NO... WAIT A SEC-OND...
I'M RUN-NING OUT OF TIME...
I'VE GOTTA SAY SOME-THING!! I MUST HURRY AND RAISE MY HAND!!
BUT! BUT!!
BUT... BUT...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

WHY DID I, TONIGHT OF ALL NIGHTS, HAVE TO WEAR A FRIGGIN' REINDEER SUIT?!!
I'VE GOT ABSOLUTELY NO ADVAN-TAGES OVER THESE THREE!!

I'M JUST A SCREW UP WITH NO REDEEMING FEATURES!! DIE, ME!! DIE!!
DANG IT! WHY AM I SUCH A LOSER?!

I CAN'T JUST SIT HERE... DOING NOTHING...
THUMP
BUT...
THUMP
WHILE I HAVE NO REDEEMING FEATURES...
THUMP
AND I'LL PROBABLY END UP EMBARRASSING MYSELF SO BADLY I'LL WISH I WERE DEAD AGAIN...
ガタ...
THUNK
LOVE WAGATSUMA-SAN!
THUMP
THUMP
BECAUSE I REALLY DO...

DRINK MENU
FOOD MENU
I'M SORRY.
...HUH?
I JUST CAN'T GO OUT WITH SOMEONE UNLESS I REALLY LOVE THEM.
BUT I...

WHOOPS! AND ALL THREE OF OUR CHALLENGERS CRASH AND BURN!!
残念
TOO BAD!
わー
WAHHH!
あー
AHHH!
I'M SORRY.
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE YOU THREE OR ANYTHING. I JUST...
-SIGH- THANKS GOODNESS...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
PLOP
OH, NOTHING!!
ONE BIG CONFESSOFF.
I LOVE YOU, IKEDA-SAN!!
AFTER THAT, THEIR CONFESSIONS BECAME THE SPARK THAT TURNED THE CHRISTMAS PARTY INTO...

I MANAGED TO AVOID THE CRISIS OF...
WAGATSUMA-SAN GOING OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE.
AHHH, THANK GOOD-NESS!
BUT...
BUT...
ME AND WAGA-TSUMA-SAN STILL...
HAVEN'T KISSED!!
I MUST MAKE HER WORDS FROM THE T.S. A REALITY TONIGHT...
WELL, DON'T YOU RE-MEMBER THAT KISS?
THE ONE ON CHRIST-MAS...
THE ONE ON CHRIST-MAS...
WELL, DON'T YOU RE-MEMBER THAT KISS?

I TOTALLY LOST SIGHT OF HER TOO.
CRAP... AFTER THE PARTY ENDED...
DOESN'T THAT MEAN THE FUTURE'S CHANGED ?!!!
THIS'S BAD... SINCE I DIDN'T KISS HER TO-NIGHT...
AT THIS STAGE OF OUR RELATION-SHIP, KISSING HER IS JUST NOT POSSIBLE!
PLUS...NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
WHAT SHOULD I HAVE DONE?!
YARGH! I'M LOST!!
UM...
HMM...NOW I'M AT A TOTAL LOSS...

WHOA?!
YOU SCARED ME.
OH...IT WAS JUST YOU, ITOU-SAN?
UM...
I'M SORRY.
OH...
IT WAS JUST SO COLD.
CHRIST-MAS...
MERRY...

WE WERE ALL WORRIED ABOUT YOU WHEN YOU DISAPPEARED ALL OF A SUDDEN...
OH...I SEE...
S... SORRY ABOUT THAT...
FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ITOU'S...
HUH?! OH! IS THIS ONE OF THOSE...YOU KNOW?!
...YES.
HUH?
DON'T TELL ME YOU WAITED HERE JUST TO GIVE ME THIS?!
YOU REALLY WAITED OUT HERE IN THE COLD THIS LONG?!!
NO! NO! NOT AT ALL!!
I...I'M SORRY.
IS THAT CREEPY?

IT WOULDN'T BE A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.
WELL, IF I DIDN'T GET IT TO YOU TODAY...
I GUESS THAT IS TRUE, BUT...
OH... YEAH...
SWAP
PLUS...
I WANTED TO SEE HOW IT LOOKS ON YOU, ANYWAY...
FWUMPH

THE HANDS THAT TOUCHED MY CHEEKS WERE COLD AS ICE...
YEP.
IT LOOKS GREAT ON YOU.
DID YOU...
KNIT THIS?

THAT'S NOT IT...
NO...
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL...
BUT YOU CAN THROW IT OUT IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT!
OH!
THE ARMS SHE WRAPPED AROUND ME SMELLED GOOD.
FOR A NO-GOOD LOSER LIKE ME?
SHE WAITED OUT HERE UNTIL HER HANDS GOT THAT COLD?
OH...

...YEAH.
LOOK, AOSHIMA-KUN!
SNOW!
IT'S SNOW-ING!
WOW!
HOW ROMAN-TIC!
IT'S A WHITE CHRIST-MAS!

SHE'S GREAT! SHE'S GREAT!
RAN ITOU IS A GREAT GIRL!
A MANGA ARTIST FOR A WIFE...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? THAT SOUNDS AWESOME.
AND THE FUTURE ALREADY CHANGED ANYWAY...
RAN ITOU IS SUPER-CUTE.
IN FACT, SHE'S WAY MORE THAN A SHLUB LIKE ME DESERVES.

ITOU-SAN.
BA-DUMP
HMM?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
GOO DOES NOT PLAY DICE. TO BE CONTINUED.

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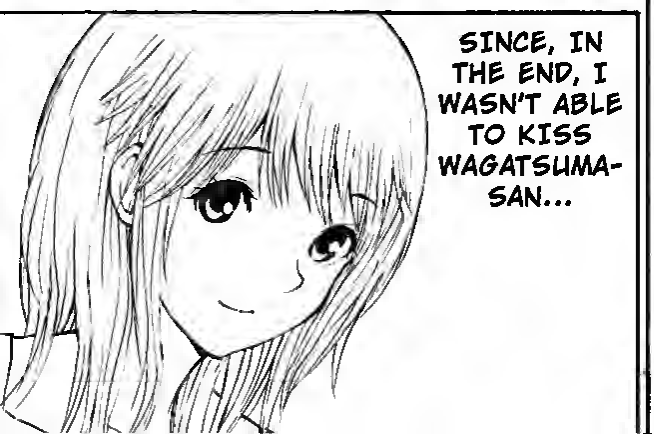
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

TAP
タン
WHAT IS IT...
AO-SHIMA-KUN?
THIS...
THIS ATMOSPHERE...

GONNA KISS?!
ARE WE...!!

SHOULD I...

THUMP
THUMP


SINCE, IN THE END, I WASN'T ABLE TO KISS WAGATSUMA-SAN...

KISS HER...?

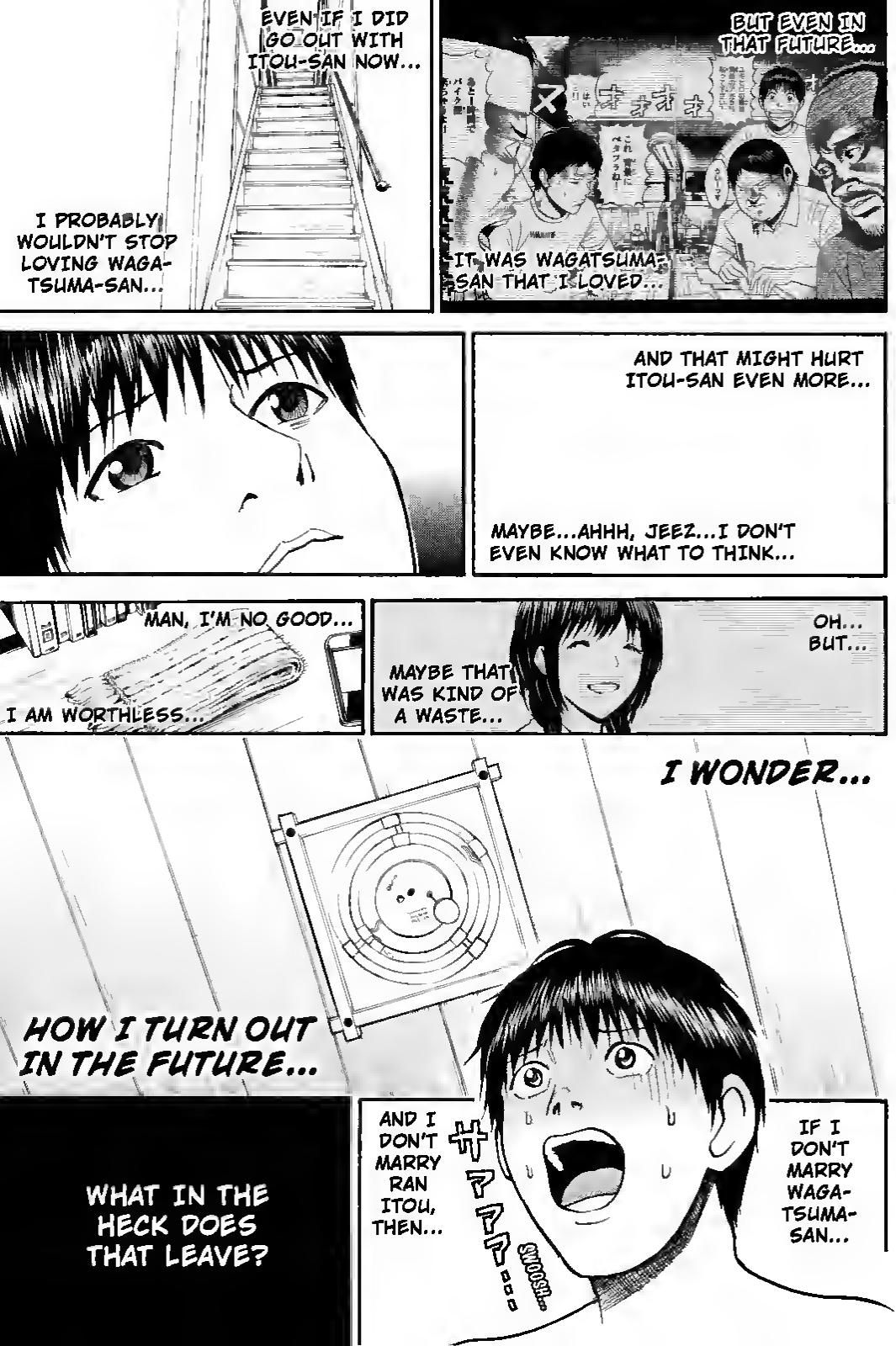
AND "WAGA-TSUMA-SAN IS NO LONG-ER MY FUTURE WIFE," HUH?
THAT MEANS "THE FUTURE HAS CHANGED"...
I KNEW THAT WAS ONLY NATURAL...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GO OUT WITH A POPULAR GIRL LIKE HER...
WAGATSUMA-SAN WAS JUST ASKED OUT BY MULTIPLE PEOPLE...
I'D BE A TERRIBLE MATCH FOR HER...
I AM A 100% GENUINE LOSER...
I FREEZE UP OUT OF COWARDICE IN FRONT OF WAGATSUMA-SAN...
WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE...
SAYS SHE LOVES ME.
THIS GIRL...
DESPITE MY LOSER-DOM...
BUT...
*NO SHE DOESN'T

SHOULD I JUST...KISS ITOU-SAN?
SHOULD I PROCEED TO A DIFFERENT FUTURE?
IN THAT CASE...
IN THAT CASE, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THUMP
YES?
THUMP
SAN.
THUMP
ITOU...
THUMP
THUMP
BA-DUMP
TH-
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
TH-
BA-DUMP

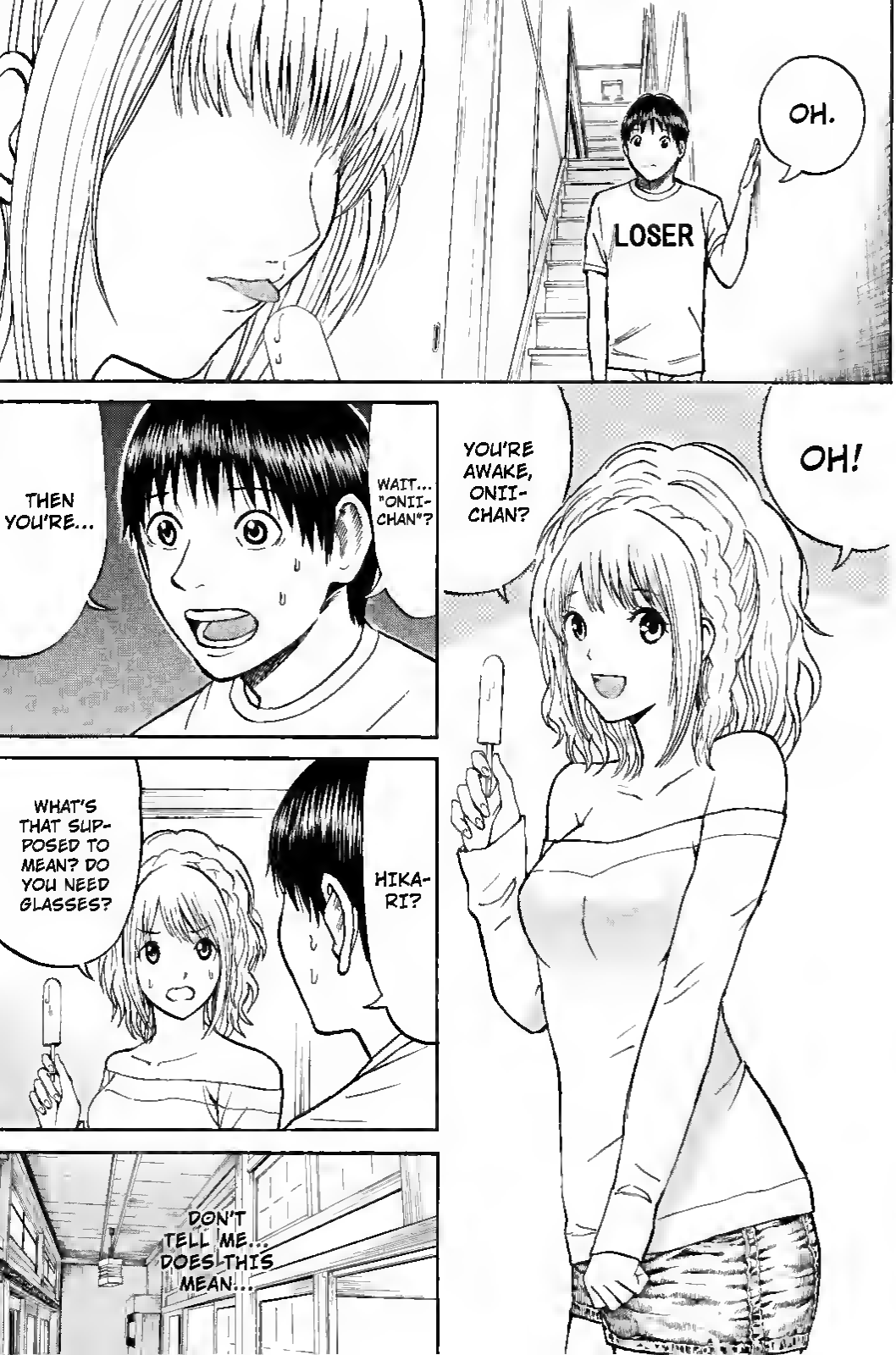
THANKS FOR THE SCARF.
IT'S REALLY WARM.
I AM...
SUCH AN IDIOT!!

I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.
AND THANKS FOR BRING-ING IT TO ME.
ITOU-SAN...
YES...
YES...
I'M SORRY!!
I'M SORRY, ITOU-SAN!!
THANK YOU...
I'LL TREASURE IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
I...
BUT I...
I'LL WALK YOU HOME.
NO, THAT'S OKAY. I CAN MAKE IT ALONE.

YAAAAARGH!!
WAS THAT REALLY MY BEST OPTION BACK THERE?!
GH...IT'S TRUE...
I DIDN'T JUST...
TRAMPLE ALL OVER ITOU-SAN'S FEELINGS, DID I?!
IT IS TRUE I ONCE TIME SLIPPED TO A FUTURE WHERE I WAS MARRIED TO HER!
HONEY.
I PUSHED YOU SO HARD.


EVEN IF I DID GO OUT WITH ITOU-SAN NOW...
I PROBABLY WOULDN'T STOP LOVING WAGA-TSUMA-SAN...
BUT EVEN IN THAT FUTURE...
IT WAS WAGATSUMA-SAN THAT I LOVED...
AND THAT MIGHT HURT ITOU-SAN EVEN MORE...
MAYBE...AHHH, JEEZ...I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO THINK...
MAN, I'M NO GOOD...
I AM WORTHLESS...
OH... BUT...
MAYBE THAT WAS KIND OF A WASTE...
I WONDER...
HOW I TURN OUT IN THE FUTURE...
WHAT IN THE HECK DOES THAT LEAVE?
AND I DON'T MARRY RAN ITOU, THEN...
サアアア...
SWOOSH...
IF I DON'T MARRY WAGA-TSUMA-SAN...

NGH...
LOSER
NN?
NNH! NNH!
LOSER
NNNNN- NNNNH!
HMM?
WHAT THE?
WHAT?
LOSER
LOSER
DO I EVEN HAVE...A SHIRT LIKE THIS?
WHAT'S WITH THIS T-SHIRT?
LOSER
SOME-THING FEELS OFF...
THIS IS MY ROOM, BUT...
LOSER


OH.
LOSER
OH!
YOU'RE AWAKE, ONII-CHAN?
WAIT... "ONII-CHAN"?
THEN YOU'RE...
HIKA-RI?
WHAT'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN? DO YOU NEED GLASSES?
DON'T TELL ME... DOES THIS MEAN...

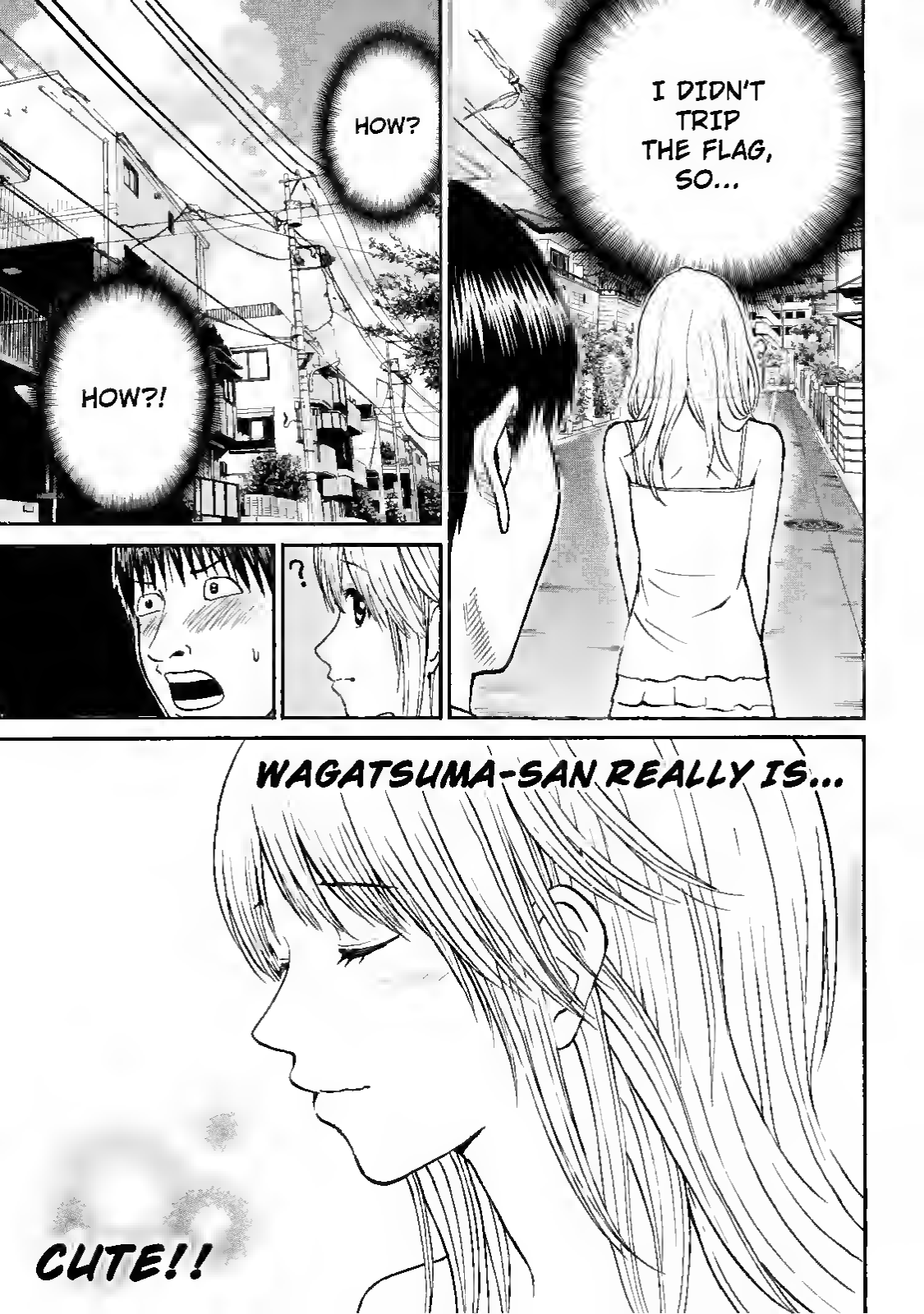
I'M IN A TIME SLIP?!
HUH...
SO TEN YEARS IN THE FUTURE, I'M STILL LIVING WITH MY PARENTS...
LOSER
THEN I'M... NOT INDE-PENDENT?
AM I A NEET?
ペタン
THUNK
GUESS THAT MEANS...
I'M PROBABLY NOT MARRIED OR ANYTHING EITHER, HUH?

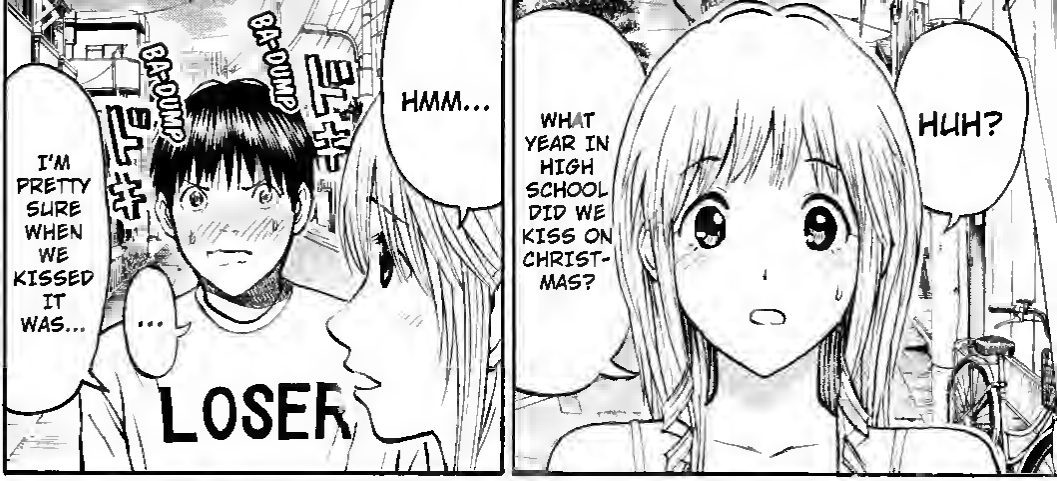
-SIGH-
I'VE REALLY DONE IT THIS TIME...
I'M ALL ALONE, HUH?
OR SILVIA OR ITOU-SAN EITHER...
I DIDN'T GET TO BE WITH WAGA-TSUMA-SAN...
BUT I KNOW...
I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE BACK THERE...
...I'LL JUST GIVE UP...
I'D BE LYING...
ALTHOUGH, IF I SAID I HAD NO REGRETS...

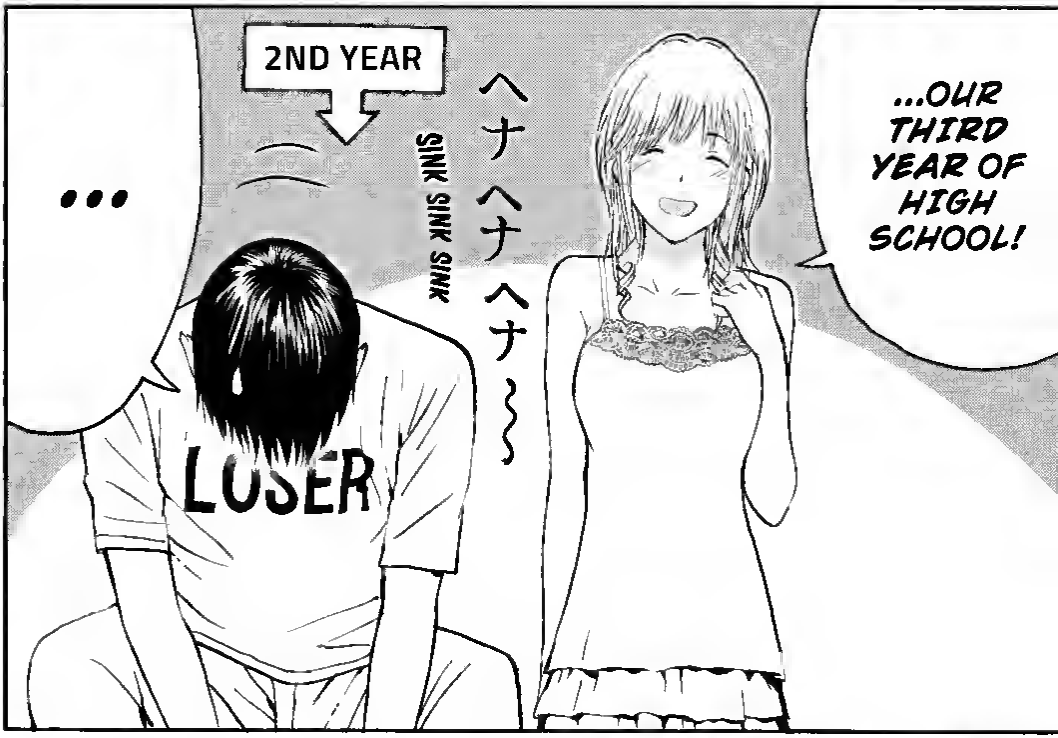
I'LL GIVE UP ON
WAGATSUMA-SAN.

HUH?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
WH-
HUH?! WHAT?! WHAT IS IT?!
ピクー!
FLINCH
SHE'S HERE ?!!
"WHY?"
??

SEE YOU LATER, HIKARI-CHAN.
COME BACK SOON.
THANKS FOR THE SOUVENIRS, SIS.
GOOD-BYE, EVERY-ONE.
SO ME AND WAGA-TSUMA-SAN ARE MARRIED!
OHHHH-HHHH!!
LOSER
HUH?! OH... YEAH!!
I GUESS THE NEXT TIME WE VISIT WILL BE NEW YEAR'S, HUH?
HOW ?!!!


I DIDN'T TRIP THE FLAG, SO...
HOW?
HOW?!
?
WAGATSUMA-SAN REALLY IS...
CUTE!!

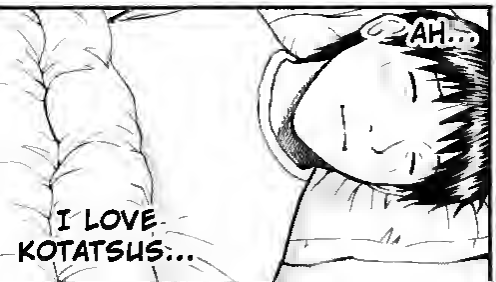

HUH?
WHAT YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL DID WE KISS ON CHRIST-MAS?
HMM...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
I'M PRETTY SURE WHEN WE KISSED IT WAS...
...
LOSER


...OUR THIRD YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL!
2ND YEAR
SINK SINK SINK
ヘナヘナヘナ～
...
LOSER

THAT ASIDE,
NOW AOSHIMA WAS WORRIED WHETHER HE'D ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO KISS HER IN ONE MORE YEAR.
OH... NOTHING
WHAT'S WRONG?
HMM?
TO BE CONTINUED!

THEN WHAT WAS ALL MY-EFFORT FOR?!
DANG IT!!

MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
ENTER A NEW SERIES!
WINTER BREAK OF MY 2ND YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL! TIME TO WORRY ABOUT COLLEGE! THINKING OF MY FUTURE UNDER THE KOTATSU!!



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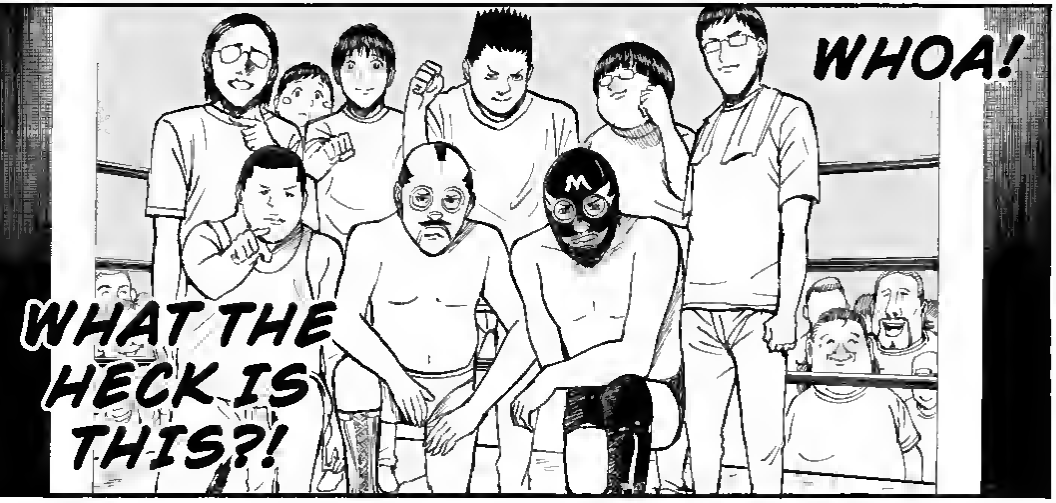
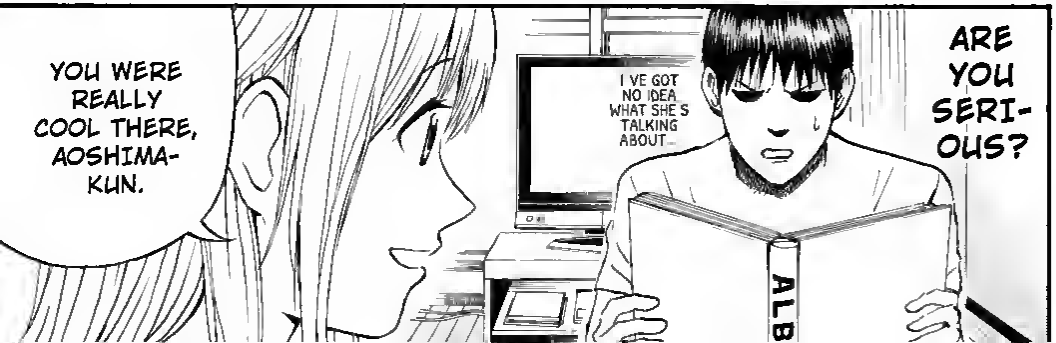
MY WIFE IS
WAGATS AN
NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE! SEE YOUR LOVE THROUGH!
WHO WILL BE-COME MY BRIDE?
NO MATTER WHO IT IS, I'LL SAY "OH YEAH!"
PART 56 LOW
STORY: YUU KURAISHI COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA

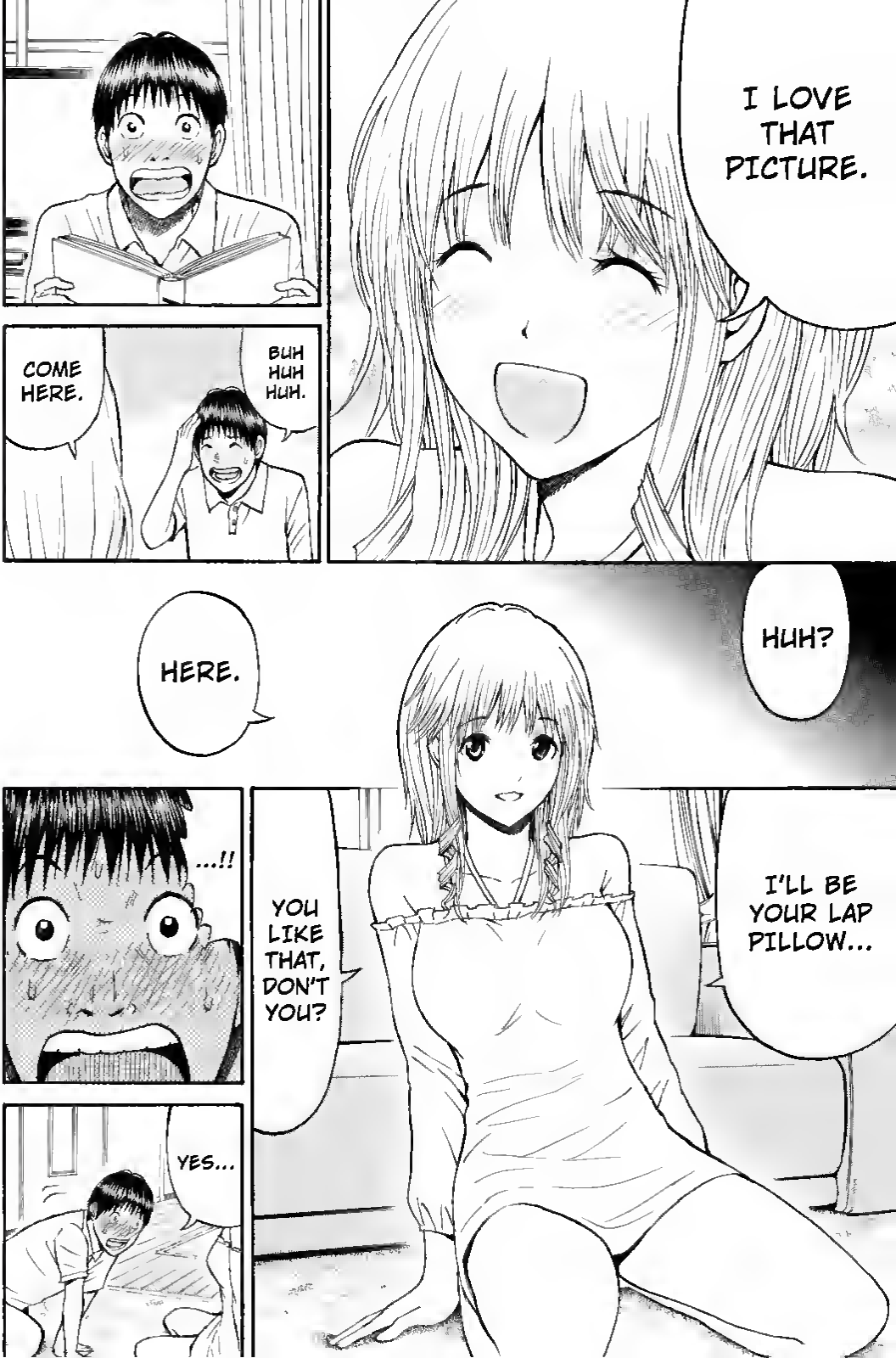
AH !!
T.S. ACTIVE
GUHBABA-BABABAH!! I'B SORRY!! I'B SORRY!!
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG?
OH JEEZ...
HUH?! YES!! THAT'S PLENTY!!
IS THAT ENOUGH "LAP PILLOW" FOR YOU?
~~~~ ~~~!!
GRIND GRIND
WANTS TO DO IT LONGER, BUT IS TOO EMBARRASSED ← TO SAY SO
~~~~

HOW WILL MATRIX ZAISHOU GET OUT OF THIS ONE?!
HMM?
WHOOPS! THAT'S GOTTA HURT!!
YEAH!!
SO YOU WATCH WRESTLING, WAGATSUMA-SAN?
I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS A WRESTLER LIKE THAT AROUND...
HUH...
I MEAN, IT IS ONE OF MATRIX ZAISHOU'S MATCHES.
WELL, YEAH.
HUH?
HUH?
YOU MUST KNOW A LOT ABOUT WRESTLING...
HOW UN-EXPECTED...

HAVE YOU REALLY FORGOTTEN?
HUHU-HUH?!


WHOA!
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!

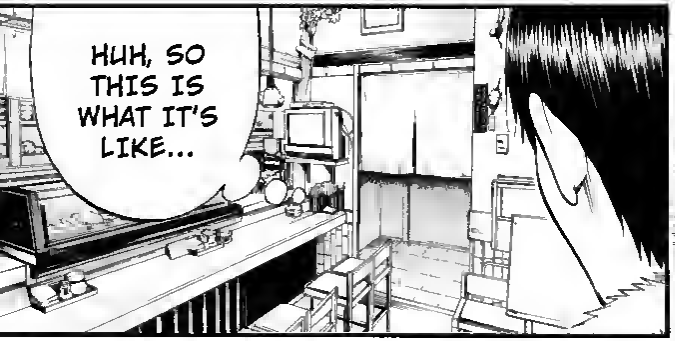

ARE YOU SERI-OUS?
I'VE GOT NO IDEA WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT...
YOU WERE REALLY COOL THERE, AOSHIMA-KUN.


I LOVE THAT PICTURE.
BUH HUH HUH.
COME HERE.
HUH?
HERE.
I'LL BE YOUR LAP PILLOW...
YOU LIKE THAT, DON'T YOU?
...!!
YES...

HOW SOFT...
HOW WARM...
AHHH...
WELL THEN...
I SHALL NOW TOUCH DOWN IN HEAVEN.
BZZZT
BZZZT
BZZZT
T.S. OVER

AM I SURE THESE AREN'T JUST DREAMS?
JEEZ!! WHAT THE HECK, MAN?!!
DANG IT!! THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS AT THE WORST POSSIBLE TIME!!
FLOP
バタ
WHO IS IT?
Komatsu
Dudes!! We've got a major incident on our hands! I'm calling an emergency meeting of the DX Corps!!
送信
...WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
HMM?
A MAJOR... INCIDENT?!

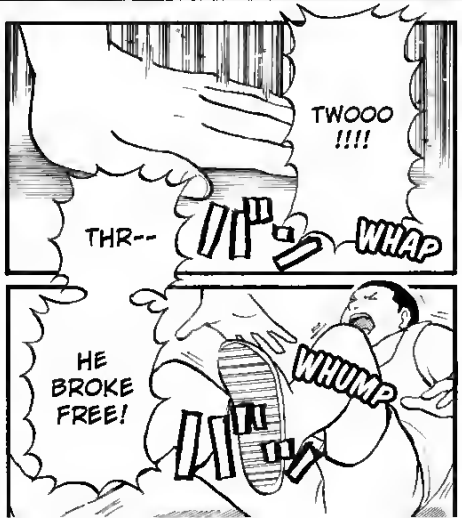
*"ZAISHOU SHOPPING DISTRICT"



*"TOKO SUSHI"

IT'S THE FLYING BODY ATTACK!!
YEAH!
YEAH!
WHOA?! HE'S FLYING!!
WOO!

WHAT... IS THIS?
WHOA!! THE COUNT WAS 2.8!!
YEAH!


TWOOO !!!!
THR--
WHAP
HE BROKE FREE!
WHUMP

REFEREE!! GIVE ME A COUNT! GIVE ME A COUNT!!
OOONE !!!!
WHAP

CAN HE THROW HIM OFF?!
WOW! NOW THAT WAS EFFEC-TIVE!!
YEAH!

ZAISHOU PRO WRESTLING

***ZAISHOU PRO WRESTLING / FREE ADMITTANCE / DEC. 27 / ZAISHOU SHOPPING DISTRICT PARKING LOT / MATCH BEGINS 16:00*

THANK YOU, SIR!!

AND SINCE WE'RE LOW ON HELP THIS YEAR, WE DECIDED TO ASK KOMATSU-KUN HERE TO HELP OUT AS REFEREE.

EVERY YEAR, WE PUT ON A MATCH AS AN ATTRACTION DURING THE SHOPPING DISTRICT'S YEAR-END SALE.

REPRESENTATIVE OF ZAISHOU PRO WRESTLING: (AND OWNER/OPERATOR OF TOKO SUSHI) EL SHOGUN (56)

I'VE GOT ABSOLUTELY ZERO INTEREST.

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OH, REALLY?

WE WERE JUST HOLDING A MATCH TO SHOW HIM THE ROPES.

HMM?
DID YOU CALL US ALL HERE JUST TO TELL US THIS STUPID CRAP?
HEY...
KOMA-TSU...
HEH HEH HEH... LISTEN AND BE AMAZED!
OF COURSE THAT ISN'T THE ONLY REASON.
WE, THE DX CORPS, HAVE -GASP- BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO WORK AS STAFF ON THIS EVENT!!
HUH?!
WH-WHAT DOES IT PAY?
YOU MEAN WE'LL BE WORKING PART-TIME, RIGHT?
HEY NOW, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, GUYS?!
DON'T GO BRINGING MONEY INTO THIS!
THIS IS A DREAM—

HUH?! YOU DON'T WANT TO? WE GET TO SET UP THE RING AND STUFF!
ISN'T THAT AWESOME?
PRO BONO...
WORK-ING...
OH, COME ON...YOU'D BETTER TAKE THIS CHANCE TO GET USED TO WORKING UNPAID OVERTIME FOR WHEN YOU END UP WORKING AT ONE OF THOSE CROOKED COMPANIES...
SHUT UP!! I'M GONNA WORK FOR A NORMAL COMPANY!
ZAISHOU PRO WRESTLING
UM... IS THERE BY ANY CHANCE...
A WRES-TLER HERE NAMED...
MATRIX ZAISHOU?

WHOA!!
SPROING
DON'T SPEAK THAT NAME!!
IT'D JUST BE STRANGE TO HIDE IT.
WELL, WHY NOT TELL HIM?
JUST DON'T MENTION HIM!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, DUDE?!
HE RAN AWAY?
HUH?
WELL, THIS IS AN INDY GROUP.
THEY USE LINE, HUH?
BUT OVER THE SUMMER, HE ONE-SIDEDLY DECLARED HE WAS LEAVING THE GROUP OVER LINE*, AND WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM SINCE.
MAT-SAN WAS A GOOD WRESTLER WITH A REAL AURA ABOUT HIM...
YES.
*FREE CHAT APP

PERSONALLY, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE...
I WANT HIM TO COME BACK TO US...
ACCORDING TO THE RUMORS...
HE'S WORKING AS A BOUNCER AT SOME BAR...
OR HE DISAPPEARED IN THE FORESTS AROUND FUJI...
HUH?
THEN WHAT ABOUT FINDING SOME CLUES AND TRACKING HIM DOWN?
WELL, ABOUT THAT...
WE DON'T HAVE ANY CLUES TO GO ON.
TH-
THEN...
WHAT ABOUT THE PICTURE?
HUH?
WHAT PICTURE?
I'M SUPPOSED TO TAKE A PICTURE... JUST ME AND THIS MATRIX ZAISHOU GUY...
BUT IF HE ISN'T HERE, DOESN'T THAT MEAN...

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS OKAY?
YES, PILE-DRIVE YOUR HEART OUT.
UH...
WHAT IS IT, MAT-2?
THAT AT THIS RATE, TEN YEARS IN THE FUTURE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO CUDDLE WITH WAGATSUMA-SAN...
AND HAVE HER BE MY LAP PILLOW AND STUFF?!!!
IF IT'S MY UNCLE YOU'RE AFTER...
HE'S WORK-ING PART-TIME AT OUR PLACE.
MAT-2... YOU'RE RELATED TO MATRIX ZAISHOU?!
YES...
WAIT, THAT'S WHERE YOU GOT YOUR CODE-NAME?!
WELL, YEAH...
床寿司

FBI
HUFF
HUFF
小野酒店
0000
00-000
**ONO LIQUOR STORE*
IS THAT HIM? THAT'S GOTTA BE HIM, RIGHT? WHO ELSE COULD IT BE?
YEAH, HE'S A DEAD RINGER FOR MAT-2.
HUH, SO BLOOD RELATIVES ALL HAVE THE SAME FACE...
IN THIS COMIC...
ALL RIGHT, LET'S ROLL!
WOOSH
OH! AOSHIMA!! ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GONNA DO THIS?! YOU'RE SERIOUSLY DOING THIS?!

WHO ARE YOU?
YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH ME, SON?
FBI
MATRIX ZAISHOU-SAN... AREN'T YOU, SIR?
NO...
YOU'RE ONO--
FBI
WON'T YOU STEP INTO THE RING ONCE AGAIN?
SORRY, BUT...
...
THERE'S A WOMAN THAT I LOVE.
I RE-FUSE.
A "NO" THRUST IN HIS FACE! NOW WHAT, AOSHIMA?! WILL YOU CRUSH HIS LOVE FOR YOU OWN?!

A VAGUE SUMMARY OF WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR? HOW DO I PUT IT? THE FUTURE? AT HIS HOUSE? AT HIS APARTMENT? WAGATSUMA-SAN SAID SHE LIKED THE PICTURE OF AOSHIMA AND THE WRESTLER MATRIX ZAISHOU...BUT MATRIX ZAISHOU SEEMED KINDA LIKE...HE WASN'T GONNA WRESTLE ANYMORE...OR SOMETHING...

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MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN

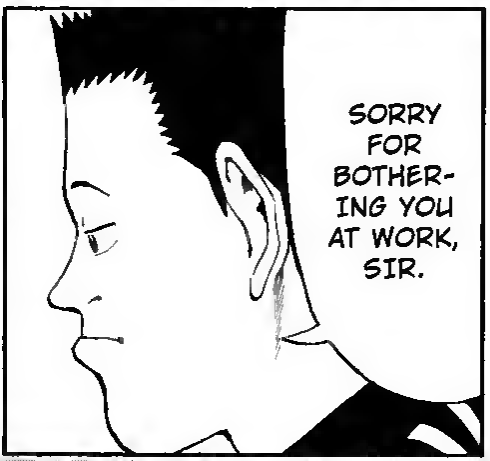
PART 56
Livin' on a Player
STORY: YUU KURAISHI
COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA

H-
W-
TH-
FBI
THUD
WHOA!! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, SON?!
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE! THAT WOULD BE A BIG PROBLEM FOR ME!
WHUMP
FBI
GET OFF ME, YOU CREEP!!
WHOA!
IF YOU WOULD DO THAT AND TAKE A PHOTO WITH ME AFTER-WARDS, THAT'D WRAP EVERY-THING UP NICELY...
FBI
COULD I GET YOU TO APPEAR FOR JUST A SECOND IN JUST THIS YEAR'S EVENT?!
DESPERATE
RIGHT HERE.
HEY, CAMERA-MAN!!
COME ON! STRIP!
OKAY? OKAY?!
OH...HOW ABOUT WE JUST TAKE THE PHOTO NOW?!

I'VE FALLEN FOR A WOMAN.
I WANT TO MAKE HER HAPPY.
SO LISTEN GOOD.
I'M ONLY GOING TO SAY THIS ONE MORE TIME...
YOU GOT THAT ?!!!
I CAN'T KEEP PLAYING AROUND WRESTLING FOREVER!!
LET IT GO, AOSHIMA.
AND JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, SHE'S MY WIFE IN THE FUTURE...
HANG ON... THERE'S SOMEONE I LIKE TOO...

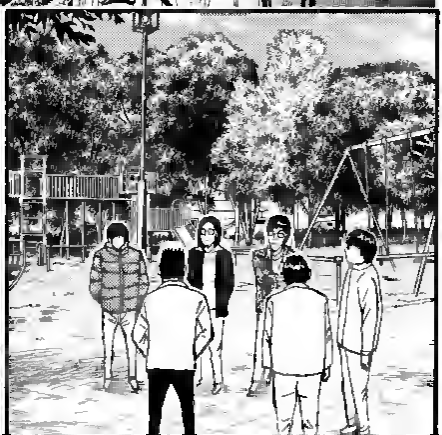
KOMA-
TSU.
LET'S
JUST
GO...

FBI
WELL...


SORRY
FOR
BOTHER-
ING YOU
AT WORK,
SIR.

NO
HARM
DONE.

THE DEAL
WITH
ZAISHOU
PRO WRES-
TLING IS...



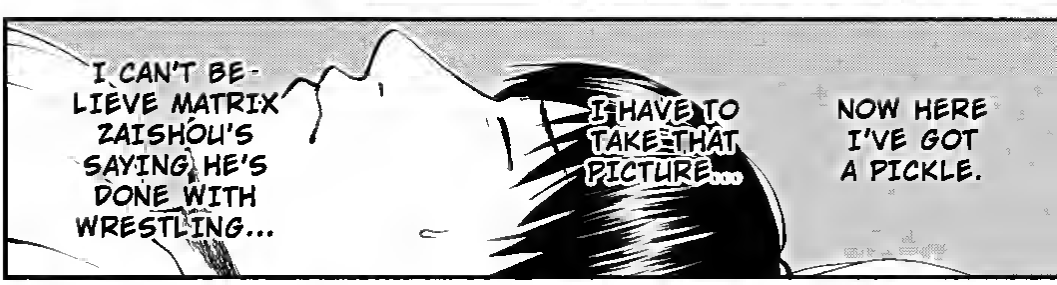
A SUPER-SMALL SCALE GROUP WITH ONLY THREE WRESTLERS.
THEY'RE AN INDIE WRESTLING GROUP BASED HERE IN ZAISHOU TOWN...
AND SINCE EVENTS CAN POP UP OUT OF NOWHERE, THEY CAN'T WORK NORMAL JOBS, SO THEY HAVE TO LIVE OFF PART-TIME WORK.
AND THEY HAVE TO COVER THE OPERATING COSTS THEMSELVES, TOO.
ALL OF IT?!
THEY CONSTRUCT THE RING, DO ALL THE ADVERTISING, AND FIGHT THE MATCHES THEMSELVES.
I GUESS THAT WOULD BE PRETTY ROUGH.
STARTED THINKING ABOUT MARRIAGE AND STUFF...
YEAH, IF YOU FELL FOR A WOMAN AND...
HE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH GUTS!
I THINK ALL WE CAN SAY IS THAT THIS WAS UNAVOIDABLE AND CALL IT...

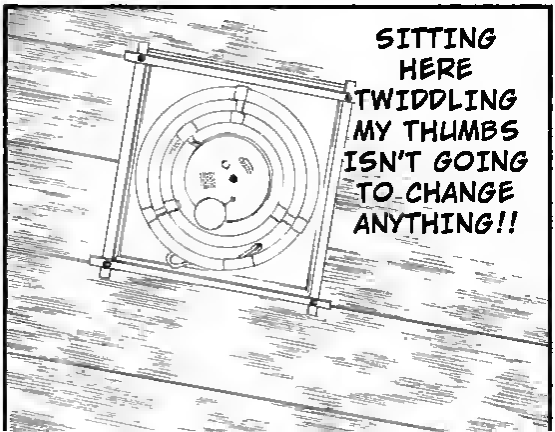
HE'S JUST A COWARD, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.
HEY NOW, KOMA-TSU...
I AM VERY DISAP-POINTED WITH HIM.
HE CAN'T WRESTLE BECAUSE HE FELL FOR SOME WOMAN? WHAT IS HE EVEN TALKING ABOUT?
I'M GLAD THAT JERK IS GONE.
THE GUT-LESS COW-ARD
NO...
I DON'T THINK THIS HAS ANY-THING TO DO WITH GUTS OR ANY OF THAT.
HE JUST DECIDED HE WANT-ED TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE, RIGHT?
A PRO WRESTLER WANTING TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE IS JUST ABSURD.

IF HE WANTED A NORMAL LIFE, HE SHOULD HAVE NEVER STEPPED IN THE RING IN THE FIRST PLACE. HE SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN A JOB AT CITY HALL...
HEH HEH!
AND SPENT HIS DAYS RUBBER-STAMPING DOCUMENTS.
MAT-2...
WHEN A MAN STARTS SOMETHING, HE STICKS WITH IT UNTIL THE END...UNLESS HE'S GUTLESS.
HEY, HANG ON A SECOND, KOMA-TSU...
SORRY AOSHI-MA-SHI.
I'M NOT FEELING TOO WELL TODAY. I'M GOING HOME.
OH...
YEAH...
SEE YA, MAT-2.

WHUMP
MAT-2 GOT MAD AND WENT HOME!
HEY, KOMATSU! WHY DID YOU HAVE TO GO THAT FAR?!
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
LISTEN, KOMATSU WAS...

A HUGE FAN...
OF MATRIX ZAI-SHOU.


I CAN'T BE-LIEVE MATRIX ZAISHOU'S SAYING HE'S DONE WITH WRESTLING...
I HAVE TO TAKE THAT PICTURE...
NOW HERE I'VE GOT A PICKLE.


SITTING HERE TWIDDLING MY THUMBS ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE ANYTHING!!

SNAP

BUT STILL...

I MUST BE PERSISTENT AND CONTINUE MY PERSUASION OF MATRIX ZAISHOU TO RETURN TO THE RING!
RISE
THIS IS FOR THE SAKE OF WAGATSUMA-SAN'S SMILE!!
OH...
FBI
I'VE FALLEN FOR A WOMAN.
I WANT TO MAKE HER HAPPY.
SO HE'S JUST LIKE ME, HUH?
IN THIS CASE?
WHAT SHOULD I DO...

ALL RIGHT. I'M HEADING OUT TO COLLECT THE BILLS.
FBI
GOTCHA.
小野酒店
0000
00-000
**ONO LIQUOR STORE*
YES, SIR.
HUH? MY MASK?
FBI
MAN, YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT...

I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, MATRIX ZAISHOU-SAN...
SO I WON'T ASK YOU TO GET IN THE RING ANYMORE.
BUT I NEED "MATRIX ZAISHOU."
SO PLEASE JUST LET ME BORROW YOUR MASK.
IF I CAN JUST GET SOMEONE ELSE TO WEAR THAT MASK AND TAKE A PICTURE WITH ME, I'M SURE THE GIRL I LOVE WILL UNDERSTAND...I'M SURE SHE'LL BE THRILLED.
I'M BEGGING YOU, SIR!!
I SWEAR I WON'T USE IT FOR EVIL!!
WELL...
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T DO THAT.
HUH?! YOU MEAN YOU WON'T LEND IT TO ME?!
WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF I'D SAY THAT...

HUH?! WHO DID YOU GIVE IT TO?!
I GAVE HIM MY MASK.
I WAS JUST ASKED PRETTY MUCH THE SAME THING.
JEEZ, WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY?
FBI
"WHO?"
FRAIL
ヒョロ…
TO MY NEPHEW YASUSHI.
床寿司
*"TOKO SUSHI"
AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT SINCE YOU'RE HIS NEPHEW, YOUR AURA DOES VAGUELY RESEMBLE HIM.
PROPRIETOR OF "TOKO SUSHI"
ZAISHOU PRO WRESTLING REPRESENTATIVE: EL SHOGUN
(REAL NAME: KANETAKA YAMADA)
WELL...I GUESS IT WORKS.

I'M GLAD YOU WANT TO HELP, BUT...
WE CAN'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY OR COMPENSATE YOU IF YOU GET INJURED.
I'M WEARING CONTACTS.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR GLASSES?
WELL...
DO YOU STILL WANT TO DO THIS?
DO I LOOK LIKE THE KIND OF IDIOT WHO WOULD THINK OF LOSING BEFORE I START?!
LIS-TEN...
I DON'T NEED ANY OF THAT.
COULD YOU JUST GIVE ME A REAL ANSWER?
OH...I'M SORRY.

IF YOU COULD BECOME A WRESTLER JUST FROM WATCHING, THEN EVERYONE WATCHING ON TV AT HOME WOULD BE A WRESTLER.
I MAY NOT BE PERFECT, BUT I THINK I CAN DO A PRETTY GOOD JOB...
SIR...I'VE BEEN WATCHING MY UNCLE... ZAISHOU-SAN'S MATCHES UP CLOSE SINCE I WAS A CHILD...
WELL, I'M BASICALLY JUST PRETENDING TOO...
BUT...
UM...
I HAVE TO ASK FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION TOO, SIR.
PLEASE!
PLEASE, SIR! THIS GUY MAY BE A PEDO-PHILE, BUT HE'S A GOOD GUY!
AOSHIMA-SHI...
WELL... I GUESS I'VE GOT NO OTHER CHOICE.

*"OKONOMIYAKI, YAKISOBA"

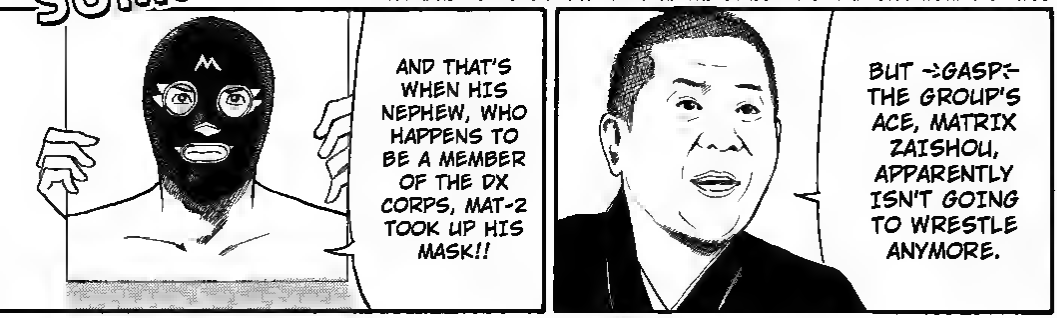
お好み焼
**OKONOMIYAKI*
OH... YEAH.
PICK UP THE PACE.
OH, COME ON! EAT FAST OR YOU WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME TO ACCOMPANY ME TO THE CLUB!
DAY OF THE EVENT
P
三浦精肉店
月極駐車場
**MIURA BUTCHER'S / MONTHLY RENTAL PARKING*
HUH?
在床商店街
年末福引抽選所
入口
**ZAISHOU SHOPPING DISTRICT LOTTERY DRAWING LOCATION*

ZAISHOU-SAN!! YOU CAME BACK?!!
Z-
MAKE NO MIS-TAKE.
HUH?
I AM NOT MATRIX ZAISHOU.
I AM...

...MATRIX ZAISHOU II.
?!
M... MAT-2?!
IS THAT YOU?!
HEH HEH HEH. WHO CAN SAY?
NOW, HOW WILL THE MATCH TURN OUT? ARE THE READERS KEEPING UP? NEXT WEEK, THE BELL SOUNDS!!
IF HE'S GONNA DO THIS, IT'S GOTTA BE NOW!!
TO BE CONTINUED!!

MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
HERE'S THE STORY SO FAR... IT SEEMS THIS TIME AOSHIMA IS GONNA PRO WRESTLE FOR WAGA-TSUMA-SAN!! WELL, THE TRUTH IS HE'S ONLY GOING TO HELP OUT WITH THE MINOR PRO WRESTLING GROUP "ZAISHOU PRO WREST-LING"...
A ZAKOBA* SUMMARY!!

*A RAKUGO COMEDIAN WHO TOOK UP THE STAGE NAME "ZAKOBA KATSURA" IN 1988


AND THAT'S WHEN HIS NEPHEW, WHO HAPPENS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE DX CORPS, MAT-2 TOOK UP HIS MASK!!
BUT -:GASP:- THE GROUP'S ACE, MATRIX ZAISHOU, APPARENTLY ISN'T GOING TO WRESTLE ANYMORE.

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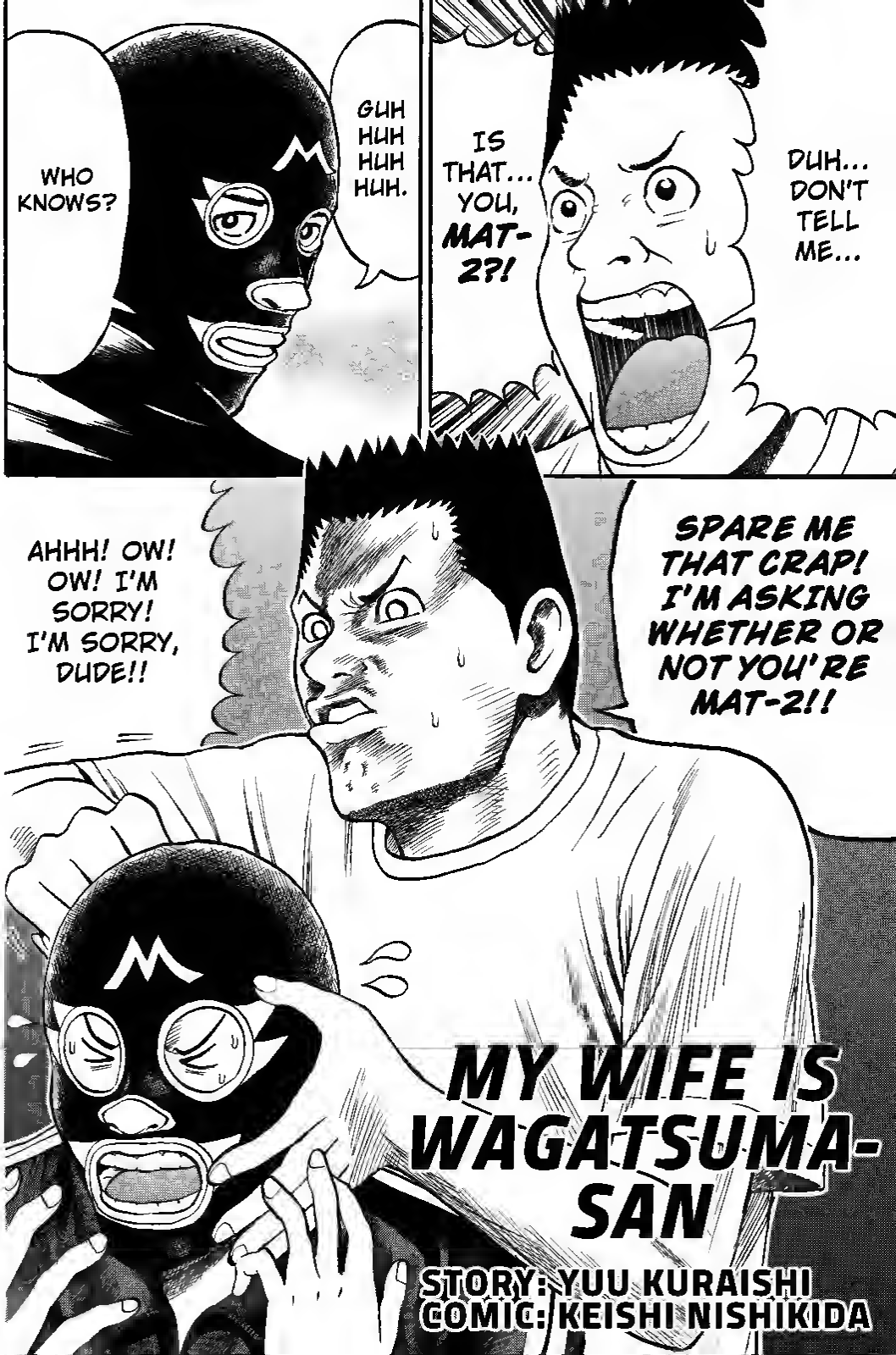
DUH... DON'T TELL ME...
IS THAT... YOU, MAT-2?!
GUH HUH HUH HUH.
WHO KNOWS?
SPARE ME THAT CRAP! I'M ASKING WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE MAT-2!!
AHHH! OW! OW! I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY, DUDE!!
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
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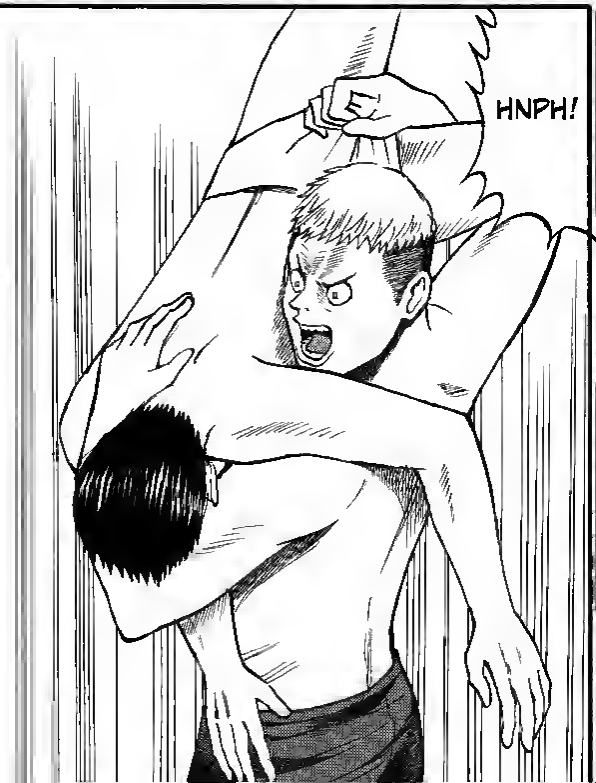
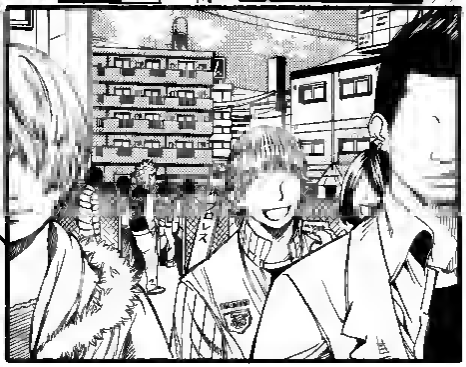
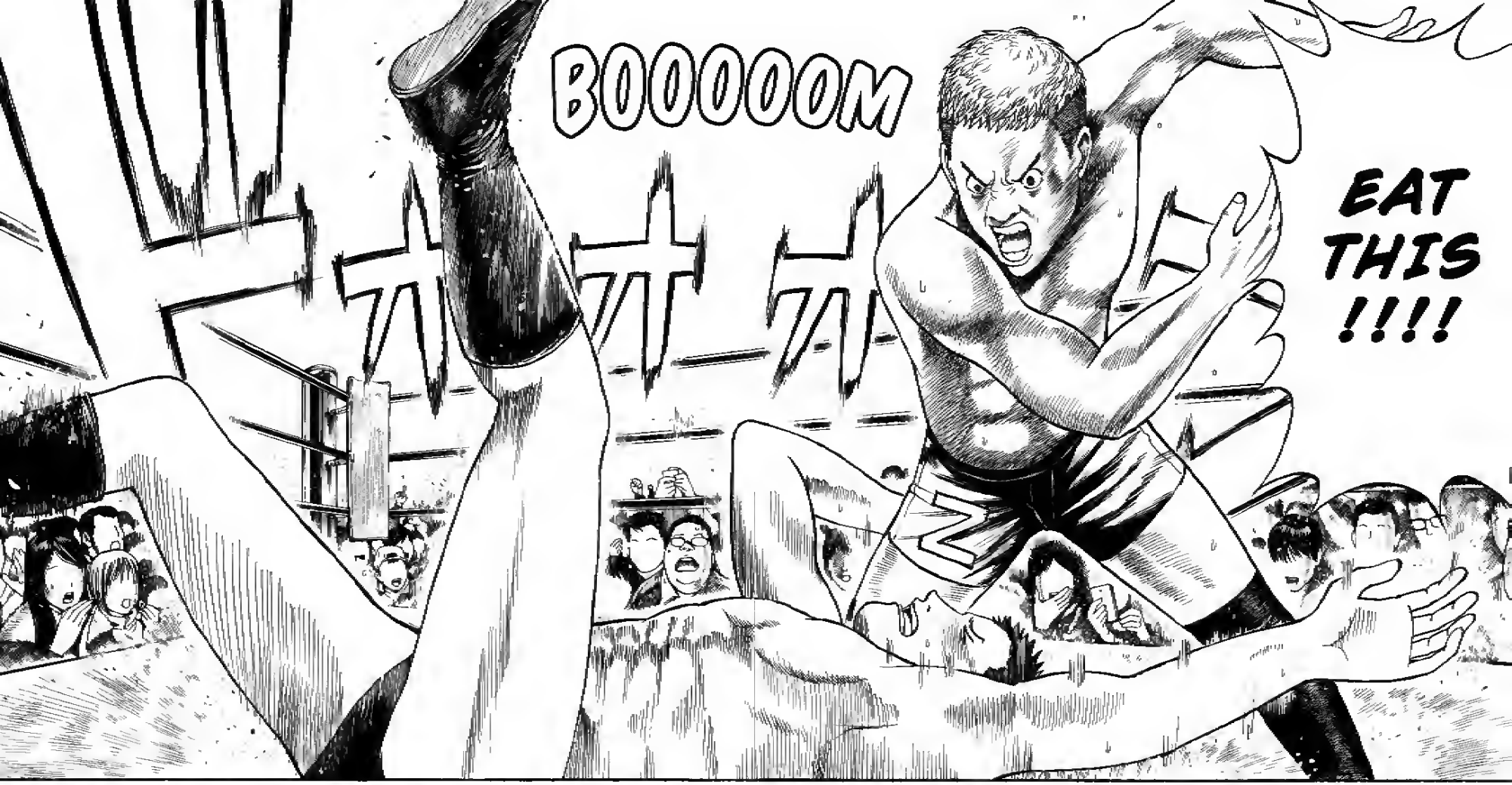
**"TORIRAKU" / GRILLED CHICKEN"

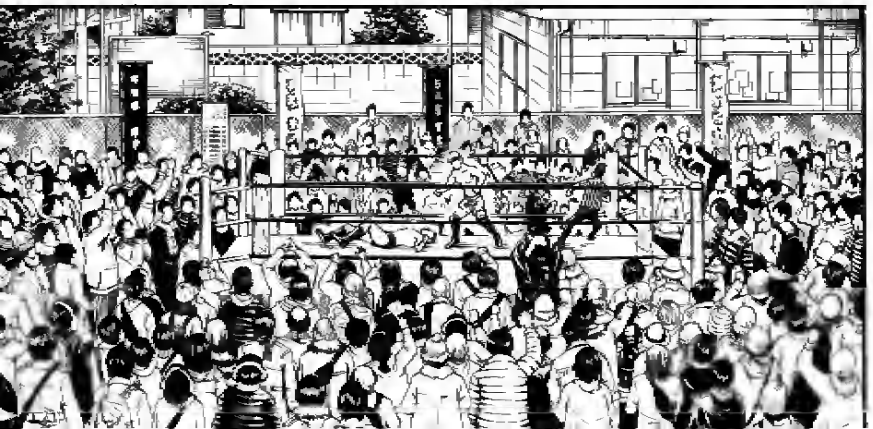
**"ZAISHOU SHOPPING DISTRICT LOTTERY DRAWING..."





**ZAISHOU PRO WRESTLING"


BOOOOOM
EAT THIS !!!!



ZPW
選手
控室
UGH…
"ZPW WRESTLER DRESSING ROOM"
ワー!
YEAH!!
ワー!
WOO!
"ZAISHOU SHOPPING DISTRICT"
WHAT ARE YOU SO WORRIED ABOUT, SIR?
ZPW
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO...
REPRESENTATIVE OF ZAISHOU PRO WRESTLING:
EL SHOGUN
(REAL NAME: KANETAKA YAMADA)
WE WERE ONLY HOPING FOR FORTY TO FIFTY PEOPLE LIKE LAST YEAR...
BUT JUST LOOK AT THAT CROWD...
HUH?
ZP
THERE'S TOO MANY PEOPLE HERE!!
THE AUDIENCE, SON! THE AUDIENCE!

itou@BackupAccount
[Spread the Word] Zaishou Pro Wrestling is holding a match during the Zaishou Shopping District's year-end sale! There you will see the miraculous return of *the* Matrix Zaishou after two years of silence!! You don't want to miss this!!
THIS THING ONLY SPREAD BECAUSE YOU WROTE THAT CRAP!!
LISTEN, YOU!!
HEH HEH HEH, HOW DO YOU LIKE THE POWER OF THE NET?
ZP
SO...
YEAH!! OF COURSE HE WAS!!
WOW.
SO I GUESS THIS "MATRIX ZAISHOU" WAS PRETTY POPULAR, HUH?
THAT'S PRETTY SMALL-MINDED
THEN, WHILE I WAS OUT THERE MONOPOLIZING THE RING, HAVE SOMEONE CRASH THE MATCH AND GLOSS OVER THE WHOLE ISSUE...
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO THROW A LITTLE TAG MATCH IN FRONT OF A SMALL CROWD...
YARGH!
THE AUDIENCE WON'T ACCEPT IT IF ZAISHOU DOESN'T DO ***SOME-THING***...
WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE HERE?

GOOD LUCK, DUDE!
NUDGE
WELL, THIS GUY DOESN'T LOOK TOO CONCERNED.
HE MUST BE REALLY NERVOUS!
WHOA, THIS JERK'S UNCONSCIOUS!
WATER! SOMEBODY BRING SOME WATER!!
WHAT KIND OF WRESTLER PASSES OUT BEFORE A MATCH?!
FLOP

YELL AND SCREAM EVERY SO OFTEN, AND WAIT FOR THE MATCH TO END.
I JUST HAVE TO CLING TO THE CORNER POST...
I DON'T HAVE TO DO ANY-THING.
IT'S OKAY. IT'S OKAY.
I CAN DO IT. I CAN DO THIS.
IT'S FINE. IT'LL ALL BE FINE.
ZAISYO
ZAISYO
IN THE RED CORNER, EL SHOGUN AND MATRIX ZAISHOU!!
LET'S GO!!
ALL RIGHT, ONO-KUN!!
YES, SIR!

YEEEEAAAAH!
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YO
ZA
ZAI-SHOU !!!!
ZAI-SHOU !!!!
WHAT... IS THIS?
ZAISHOU!!
ZAISHOU!!

WHAT ENERGY.
WOW...
ZAI-SHOU!!
SHO-GUN!
IS THIS WHAT UNCLE SHINJI SAW ALL THIS TIME?
IS THIS WHAT IT WAS LIKE FOR..!
...THE GLADIATORS OF ANCIENT ROME AS WELL?
WOOOOOOO!
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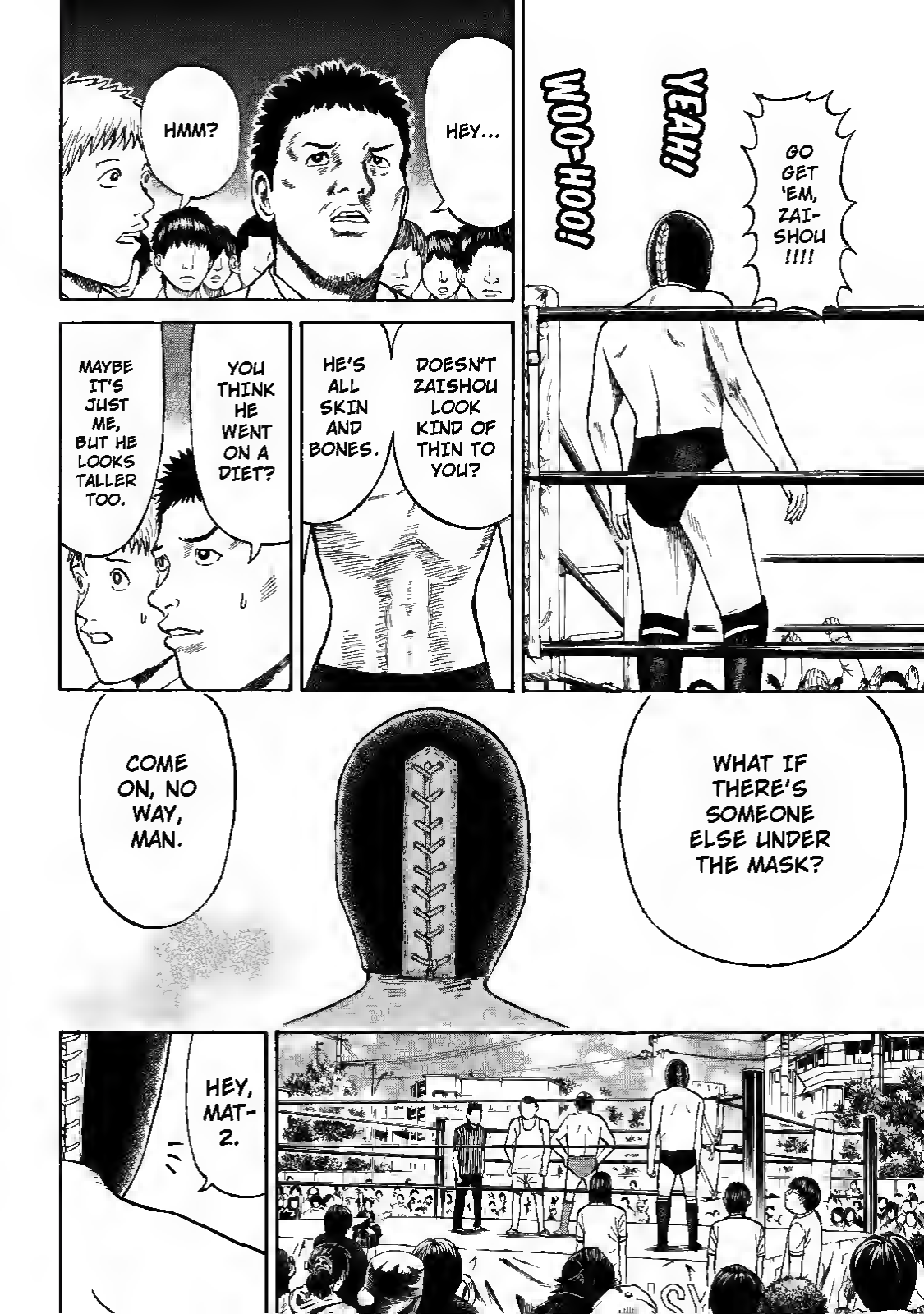
ARE IN THE RING!!
BOTH FIGHT-ERS...


GO GET 'EM, ZAI-SHOU !!!!
YEAH!
WOO-HOO!
HEY...
HMM?
DOESN'T ZAISHOU LOOK KIND OF THIN TO YOU?
HE'S ALL SKIN AND BONES.
YOU THINK HE WENT ON A DIET?
MAYBE IT'S JUST ME, BUT HE LOOKS TALLER TOO.
WHAT IF THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE UNDER THE MASK?
COME ON, NO WAY, MAN.
HEY, MAT-2.

WOO!
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7
YEAH!
GOOD LUCK, DUDE!
IF IT COMES DOWN TO IT, WE'RE HERE WITH YOU!!
ZPW
ZPW
ZPW
GRUN
BUT I CAN'T SHOW ANY FAVOR-ITISM...
MAT-2... I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH AN AMATEUR LIKE YOU CAN DO...

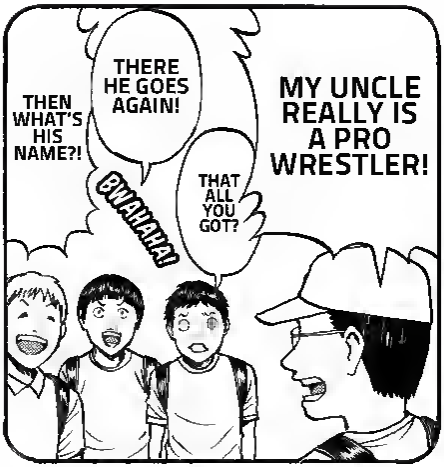
YOU'VE GOT IT, RIGHT, ONO-KUN?
YES, SIR.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS STAY PUT.
JUST LEAVE THIS ENTIRE MATCH TO ME.
YES, SIR.
OH.
ALL RIGHT !!!!
BY THE WAY, ONO-KUN.
YES, SIR?
DO YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD "HEXEN-SCHUSS*"?

*GERMAN, LITERALLY, "SHOT BY A WITCH."

WOO-HOO!
YEP.
YOU'RE RIGHT ON THE MONEY.
ISN'T THAT A GERMAN WORD THAT MEANS "TO THROW OUT YOUR BACK"?
WELL...
IF I REMEMBER RIGHT...
HUUU-UUUUU-UUH?!
I JUST DID THAT...
TAKE CARE OF THE MATCH.
ONO-KUN...
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.
IT'S ALL I CAN DO JUST TO STAND.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?!
YEAH!
WHOA!
DING
HUH?

THOK

THAT'S WEIRD... WAS ZAISHOU ALWAYS THIS THIN?
COME ON!! GET UP!!
AHHH! HE TOOK A RAIN-MAKER 2 SECONDS INTO THE MATCH!!
TALK ABOUT WEAK!
WHOA!
WAH!
COME AT ME, YOU JERK!!
WOW!
YEAH!
STAND UP, ZAI-SHOU!!
ZAI-SHOU !!!!
IT ISN'T OVER ALREADY, IS IT?
CHATTER
CHATTER
NO WAY! HE'S NOT MOVING!
IT'S TRUE!!
I'M NOT LYING!!
ZAI-SHOU !!!!
ZAI-SHOU !!!!


MY UNCLE REALLY IS A PRO WRESTLER!
THAT ALL YOU GOT?
GWAHAHAA!
THERE HE GOES AGAIN!
THEN WHAT'S HIS NAME?!

ONO'S TELLING THOSE BLATANT LIES AGAIN!!
IT'S TRUE !!!!

MUH... MATRIX...
ZAI-SHOU...
YOU LIAR!
THERE'S NO WRESTLER WITH THAT NAME!!

HEY, SHINJI.
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT A REST AND TAKE THINGS A BIT MORE SERIOUSLY?

HE WRESTLES FOR A SMALL GROUP, SO HE'S JUST NOT VERY FAMOUS...
THERE'S NO WAY THE UNCLE OF A WEAKLING LIKE YOU COULD BE THAT STRONG!! YOU LIAR!!

OH... WELL... YEAH...
DON'T YOU WANT TO GET MARRIED OR ANYTHING?

OKAY?
YEAH...

AND A REAL JOB, TOO.
OH... YEAH, I KNOW.
AREN'T PRO WREST-LERS...
WHY DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?
YEAH!
!!!UUOOOOOHH!!!
WHOA!
WOO!
SIX!!
WHY...
AREN'T PRO WRESTLERS SUPPOSED TO BE STRONG?
...IVE!!
HUFF
HUFF
SEVEN !!!!
GRAB
?!
DRAG...

HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL, YOU JERK?!
GET BACK UP HERE !!!!
FLOP
WHAT THE?!
THERE ARE TWO ZAI-SHOUS ?!!!
IN THE NEXT ISSUE: THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRO WRESTLING ARC!! TO BE CONTINUED!!

MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
HUH?! HOW?!
THERE'S ANOTHER MATRIX ZAISHOU!
THE END OF THE PRO WRESTLING ARC!!
HUH?
WE CAN'T LET IT END LIKE THIS, CAN WE?
YOU DON'T WANT TO RUIN MATRIX ZAISHOU'S...
WUH- WHAT THE HECK?
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?!

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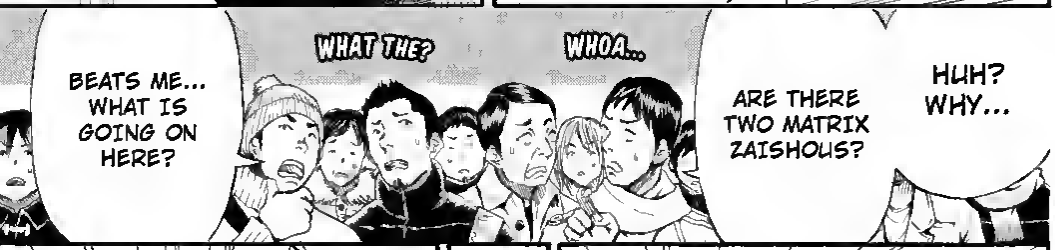
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN

PART 59 Man in the Ring



WHOA! THAT IS KIND OF CREEPY!
BOOM
MATRIX ZAISHOUS ARE APPEAR-ING ONE AFTER ANOTHER FROM UNDER THE RING?!

OHHH! UP-ON CLOSER INSPECTION, THEY HAVE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT BUILDS!!

NO ONE TOLD ME EITHER...
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?! NO ONE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS!!

I GUESS HIS MASK DIDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME...
AND THIS ONE'S WEARING PAINT INSTEAD OF A MASK!!

OHHHHH! IT'S A MIC PERFOR-MANCE!!
*AOSHIMA
NOW LISTEN HERE, YOU JERKS!
WAH!
WHOA!
WHAT IN THE HECK IS GOING ON HERE?
HUFF スゥ…
AHHH! HE FLUB-BED IT!!
I WILL PREV--
-BMPH-
OH JEEZ, THE AUDIENCE ISN'T LIKING THIS...
BOO!
BOO!
GO HOME, LOS-ERS! GO HOME!
GO HOME, LOSERS! GO HOME!
BOO!
BOO!
WHAT THE HECK?! GET OUTTA HERE, OUTSIDER!

MAYBE I SHOULD STOP THE MATCH...
HE'S RIGHT. THIS IS CERTAINLY AN ABNORMAL CIRCUM-STANCE!
HEY, REFEREE!! WHAT IS THIS CRAP?! ISN'T SOME-THING WRONG HERE?!
BUT...
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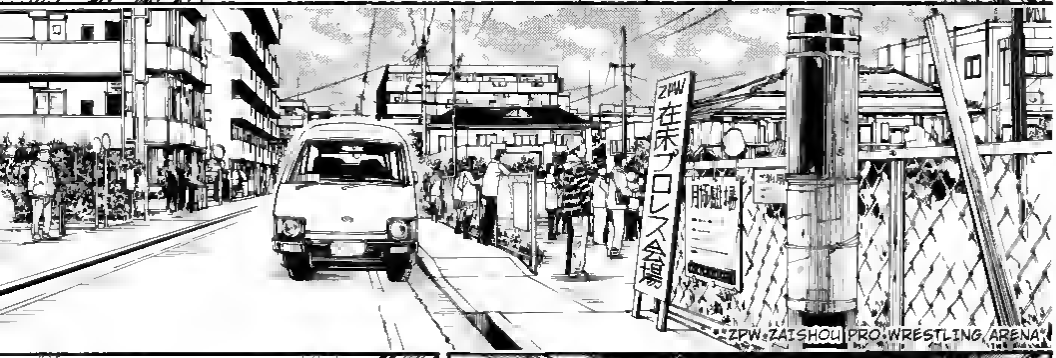
*"YEEEEEAAAAAH"
IF THAT'S HOW YOU'RE GONNA PLAY IT, I'LL DO THIS!!
WHOOPS, AND THE REF PULLS A WICKED "IT'S NONE OF MY CONCERN" CALL!!
STOP THIS THING, YOU JERK!
BUT THE CROWD IS EATING THIS UP, IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING, SO I'LL ALLOW IT!
IT'S LIKE SHIROU ABE* HAS BEEN RE-BORN IN THE HEI-SEI ERA!!
WHUMP
*REFEREE FOR THE "ATROCIOUS ALLIANCE" WOMEN'S WRESTLING GROUP

AHHH! THE MATRIX ARMY IS SCATTER-ING LIKE A BUNCH OF COCK-ROACHES!!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ZPW: ZAISHOU PRO-WRESTLING ARENA

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RATTLE

BI
OOPS.
YEAH!
WOO!
HUFF
HUFF
I'VE GOT A DELIVERY TO MAKE.
WHAM

SLAM
トン
HURK !!!!
YOU MUST BE AN AMATEUR, HUH?
SUCH A FRAIL BODY...
AH! OW! OW! OW! OW! OW! OW! OW! OW! OW! OW! OW! OW!
HNPH!!
GRIN
IN THIS BUSINESS, WE PUT THE FEAR OF GOD INTO AMATEURS.
AND-A ONE, AND-A...
"CREEEEEAAAAAK"

OHHH! THOSE VOICES! ELECTRIC MEDUSA AND FUJI-Q!
A... AOSHI-MA...
KH...
PLOP
THESE GUYS ARE SERIOUS !!!!
THAT REALLY FRIGGIN' HURT!!
I HEARD THE BONES IN MY SKULL CREAKING!!
HUH? WHAT DID YOU SAY?
HEY, DON'T LOOK AT ME!
THIS ISN'T WHAT I HEARD!
I THOUGHT PRO WREST-LING WAS FAKE!!
OH! WHAT'S THIS? IN-FIGHT-ING?!

AHHH!! THEY HEARD US!!
YOU THE ONE WHO SAID IT?
I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEBODY SAY WRESTLING'S FAKE.
KRAK
KRIK
YARGH! I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
BY BOTH OF THEM AT ONCE!
S-SOMEONE THAT APPEARS TO BE AOSHIMA IS BEING STOMPED ON!!
KOMATSU-KUN!! WHAT'S GOING ON BACK THERE?!
WOO!
YEAH!
WE CAN'T DO THAT!!
YEAH!
DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD JUST FORFEIT THE MATCH, SIR?!
EL SHOGUN (S3), THREW OUT HIS BACK AND CAN'T MOVE
AS A FELLOW PRO WRESTLING FAN, SURELY YOU ARE AWARE...
KOMA-TSU-KUN...
WELL...
ITOU-SAN, CALLING FOR A "DRAGON STOP"
WHY NOT ?!!!
*GOOGLE IT DR CHECK OUT THE AME-TALK DVDS!

NEW JAPAN PRO WRESTLING SUMO HALL RIOTS
NEW JAPAN PRO WRESTLING OSAKA-JO HALL
TOKYO PRO WRESTLING ITABASHI INCIDENT
Y... YOU DO HAVE A POINT THERE!
PRO WRESTLING FANS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN QUICK TO RIOT OVER UNCLEAR OR INCOMPLETE MATCHES!!
THEY WHAT?!
THE AUDIENCE HAS GROWN COMPLETELY BORED WITH THIS NOW!!
WHAT IS IT, SON?
ITOU-SAN CONTINUES CALLING FOR A DRAGON STOP
BUT... WAIT A SECOND, SHOGUN-SAN!
BOO!
HE'S BEEN MULTIPLYING AND RUNNING AWAY... HOW LAME.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ZAISHOU TODAY?
QUIT JUST RUNNING FROM HIM AND DO SOMETHING!!
WHAT THE HECK? THIS IS BORING!
I STEPPED INTO THE RING IN ORDER TO PROTECT MATRIX ZAISHOU...
DANG IT...

ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS...
WHUMP
ALL I'VE DONE IS... DRAG MY UNCLE'S NAME THROUGH THE MUD...
EVEN WITH THE DX CORPS'S HELP...
THEY'RE HERE!!
UGH!
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN AMATEUR STEPS INTO THE RING WHEN HE'S GOT NO BUSINESS BEING THERE.
HMPH...
GIMME THAT!!
WHA ?!!!
WHUMP
DU
FBI
POMF
WH-- BMPH!
A MASKED MAN'S MASK IS ALMOST AS IM-PORTANT AS HIS LIFE...
CHAK
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING ?!!!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO...
YOINK
YASU-SHI!

...OH!!

COME 'ERE!!
I'LL CRUSH YOU IN THE RING!!
HEY.
HUH?
THOKK
HI-YAH!

YOU... PIECE OF CRAP!!
KRAKK
YEAH!
THOSE MOVEMENTS... IT'S THE REAL MATRIX ZAISHOU!!
LOOK!
AHHHHHHH! ZAISHOU HAS RETURNED!!
SLAM
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MY NUMBER IS BLOCKED?!!!
I CAN SEE IT.
BUT ZAISHOU'S ACTING DIFFERENT FROM USUAL TODAY...
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HIM?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T SEE ME ANYMORE BECAUSE YOU FOUND SOMEONE YOU LIKE?!
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?! DANG IT!!
HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU THINK I SPENT ON YOU?!
YOU...
STUPID BITCH!
WHAM
ONE!
TWO!

YEEEEEAAAAAH!
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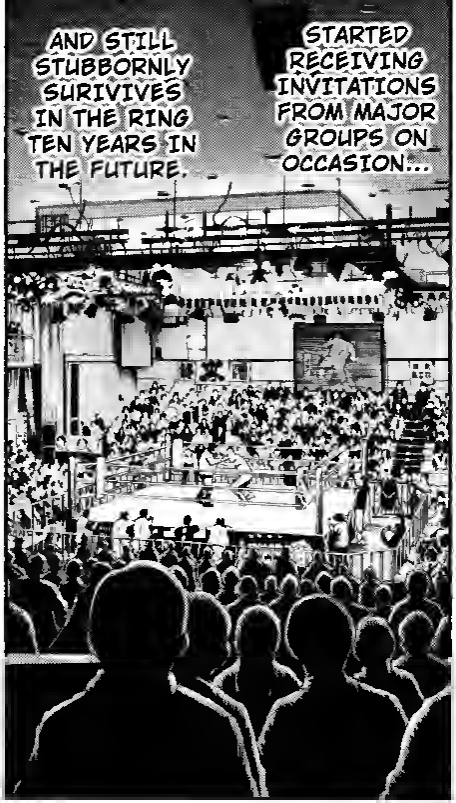
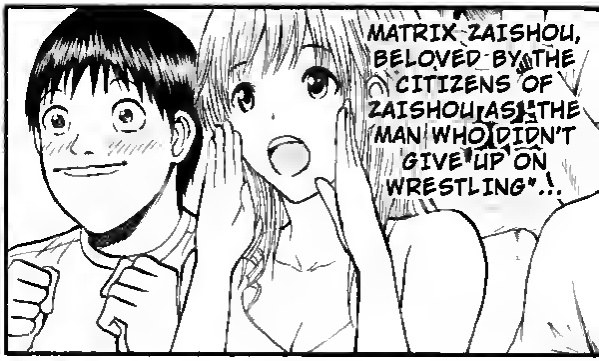
THR--
WHERE THE HECK HAVE YOU BEEN?
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
HMPH...
WHUMP
SHK
SORRY I'M LATE.
YEAH... A LOT HAPPEN-ED.

I KNEW IT...PRO WRESTLING...
REALLY IS THE GREATEST.
AHHH...
THINKING BACK ON IT, THIS MATCH BECAME THE TURNING POINT IN MATRIX ZAISHOU'S CAREER AND WAS THE TRIGGER THAT SOLIDIFIED MY POPULARITY.
I (MATRIX ZAISHOU) WAS PRETTY DESPERATE AFTER BEING DUMPED BY A WOMAN, BUT THE AUDIENCE GOT EVEN MORE FIRED UP THAN ANY OF US EXPECTED AT THE MATCH.
SNAP
THANKS FOR SETTING THE TABLE FOR ME.
AOSHIMA AFTER BEING DONE IN BY STOMPING.


AND STILL STUBBORNLY SURIVIVES IN THE RING TEN YEARS IN THE FUTURE.
STARTED RECEIVING INVITATIONS FROM MAJOR GROUPS ON OCCASION...

TEN YEARS LATER...


MATRIX ZAISHOU, BELOVED BY THE CITIZENS OF ZAISHOU AS "THE MAN WHO DIDN'T GIVE UP ON WRESTLING".!.

CURRENTLY IN SEARCH OF A BRIDE.
MATRIX ZAISHOU
STICKING WITH WHAT YOU LOVE...THAT IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MAN!!
NEXT ISSUE, A NEW ARC BEGINS!!

A MESSAGE FROM: "MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN."
HELLO, I AM ITOU.
AND I AM KOMATSU.
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
TODAY, WE HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT...
YES, YES.
WHY COULD THAT BE?
THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF READERS LIKE YOU, WE HAVE NOW PASSED THE ONE YEAR MARK OF RUNNING IN WEEKLY SHŌNEN MAGAZINE.
OH, WE'RE DOING BETTER THAN WE COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED, AREN'T WE?
OH, PLEASE HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE.
HA HA HA
THAT ISN'T WHY WE MENTIONED IT.
AND... SO!
OH HO HO.
WE WERE THINKING OF DOING A LITTLE SOMETHING TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION.
WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?
WELL, IN SHORT...

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OHHH!! ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!!!
01
AI WAGATSUMA
02
SILVIA SHIMOTSUMA
03
RAN ITOU
04
HITOSHI AOSHIMA
WE'LL BE HOLDING A CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL!!
05
MASAO KOMATSU
06
SHIROU ITOU
07
(YASUSHI ONO)
MAT-2
08
(KOUJI NAKAMOTO)
ELECTRIC MEDUSA
09
(KYUUJI FUJIKAWA)
FUJI-Q
10
HIKARI AOSHIMA
11
YOSHIKO TANAKA
12
MIKI FUJIMURA
13
YUUKI DOBASHI
14
DOBASHI'S SISTER
15
HAYABUSA KATOU
16
NOBUO HINO
17
SAKI AIBU
18
KENJIROU SHIMOTSUMA
19
ITOU'S PARENTS
20
MATRIX ZAISHOU
I CAN SEE THAT.
WHAT IF NO ONE VOTES?
OH JEEZ!
BE SURE TO VOTE!
IT'S STILL A SECRET FOR NOW, BUT WE'LL DO SOMETHING!!
OH, IS THERE GOING TO BE SOMETHING?!
BY THE WAY, THE CHARACTER WHO COMES IN FIRST WILL ...!!
OH!! THAT'S VERY UP-FRONT!
TO BE UP-FRONT ABOUT IT, WE'RE TRYING TO "DO SOMETHING JUMP-LIKE."

KLAP

MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN

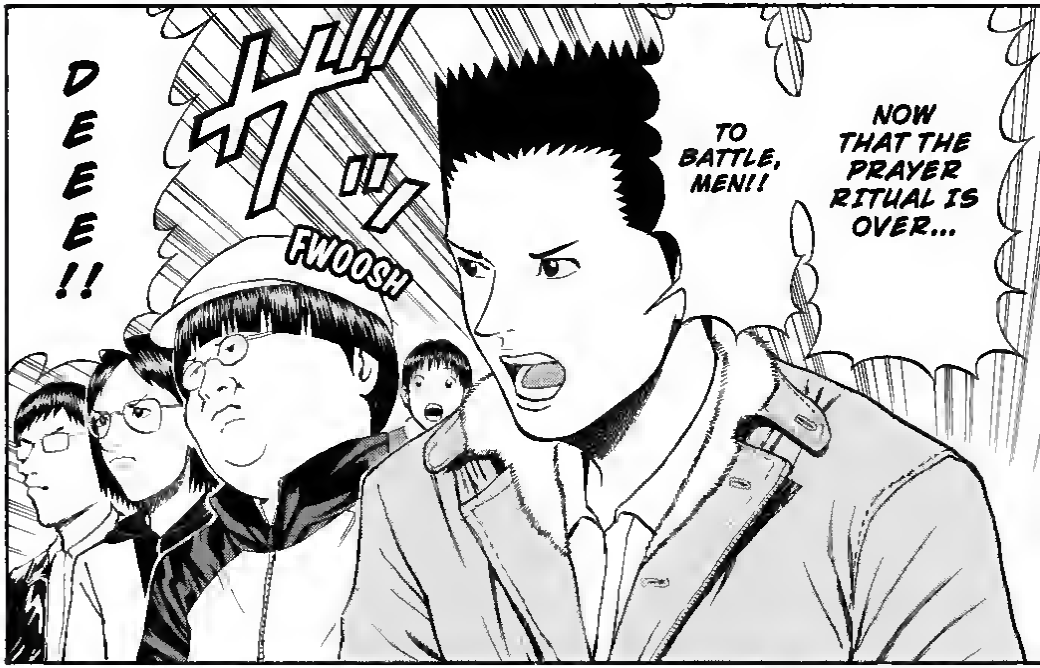
PART 60

BRAND NEW EVENT

STORY: YUU KURAISHI
COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA

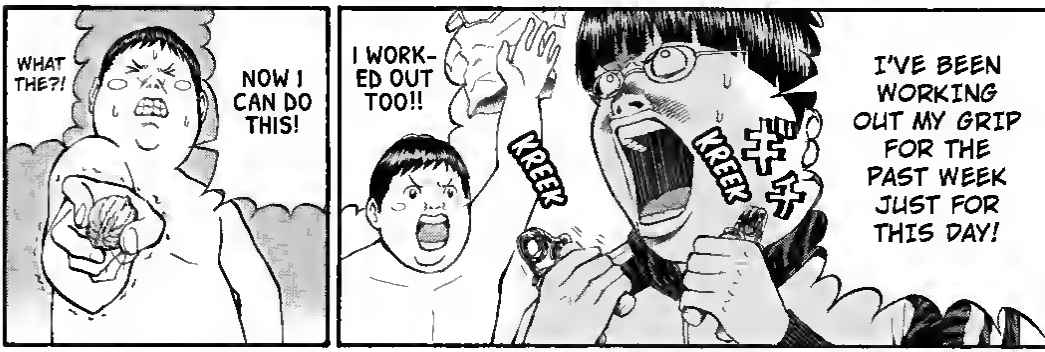
I HAVE BUT A MERE YEAR LEFT IN MY HIGH SCHOOL CAREER.
DEAR GOD...
NO, DUDE, I MEAN, LIKE, SERIOUSLY!!
PLEASE LET ME GET CLOSER TO WAGA-TSUMA-SAN IN THIS REMAINING YEAR...
ULTRA DESPERATE
BOY, THERE'S SOME SCARY ONES HERE TODAY...

*A SOUP MADE WITH MOCHI, TRADITIONALLY EATEN ON NEW YEAR'S



HUH?
TO THE BOOBS, MAN.
THE BOOBS.
SORRY. AFTER THIS, ALL OF US ARE GOING...
DID I NEGLECT TO INFORM YOU?
PORN STAR EVENTS
Jan 1: "New Years Project, Boob Visit"
Jan 2: "Kirara Asatte Autograph Signing"
Jan 3: "Shunna Ayami Autograph Signing"
Jan 4:
...TO THESE.
SHE'LL LET YOU -GASP- FEEL HER BOOBS!
IF YOU PRESENT AN OFFERING OF 1,000 YEN TO A CURRENTLY-ACTIVE PORN STAR IN A SHRINE MAIDEN COSTUME...

LET'S FEEL US SOME BOOBS!!
ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!!
UWOOO-OHHHH!!

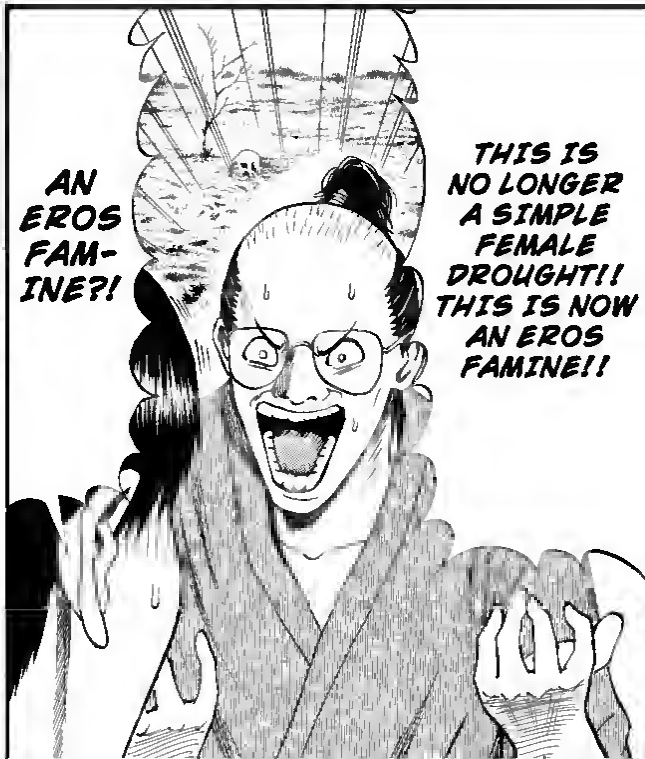

WHAT THE?!
NOW I CAN DO THIS!
I WORK-ED OUT TOO!!
KREEK
KREEK
I'VE BEEN WORKING OUT MY GRIP FOR THE PAST WEEK JUST FOR THIS DAY!

NOW THAT PORN STAR WILL BE A PIECE OF CAKE!
ウオオオ
WHOOAA!
NOT BAD, FUJI-Q!
THAT'S GOING OVER-BOARD!!
KRAKK

HUH? WHAT WAS THAT "WE CAN'T" ABOUT?
WELL, I MEAN...
WE'RE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL!
WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO DO STUFF THAT DIRTY!!
WE CAN'T!!
SKREEK
YOU...
FUJI-Q!! RUN THIS TO THE MAIN SHRINE AND HAVE IT DEDICATED!!
ROGER!
AHHH! WAIT!! DON'T GRANT THAT WISH!!
AHHH?! WHEN DID YOU GET MY PRAYER BOARD?!
FOOL!!
Please let me go out with [redacted]san
AIBU
- Hitoshi A
SKREEK SKREEK SKREEK

ISN'T THAT IDEA OF NEW YEAR'S KIND OF OUT-DATED?
TAKE THIS!
AHAHA!
AS WE SPEAK, THE LIFE-HAVERS ARE OUT THERE INTENTLY PLAYING HANETSUKI, FUKU-WARAI*, AND PERFORMING THE REPRODUC-TIVE ACT.
LISTEN HERE, AOSHI-MA.

*GAMES SIMILAR TO BADMINTON AND PIN THE TAIL ON THE DONKEY, TRADITIONALLY PLAYED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY



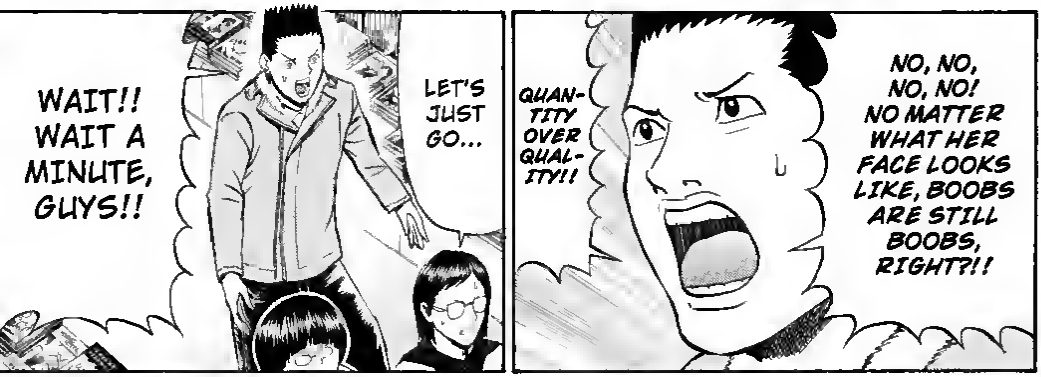
WE'LL HIRE A PORN STAR.
IT'S NO USE. ALL THESE JERKS ARE UNDER THE SPELL OF BOOBS!!
OHHHH!
OHH!
OH...
LOOK, I REALLY DON'T THINK THIS IS THE SAME THING AT ALL, GUYS!
ELLLDERRR!
ELLLDERRR!
HEAVE-HO
HEAVE-HO
DVD/CD/レンタル
TATSUYA
I MUST GO DOWN THERE AND GIVE THIS PORN STAR A PIECE OF MY MIND!!

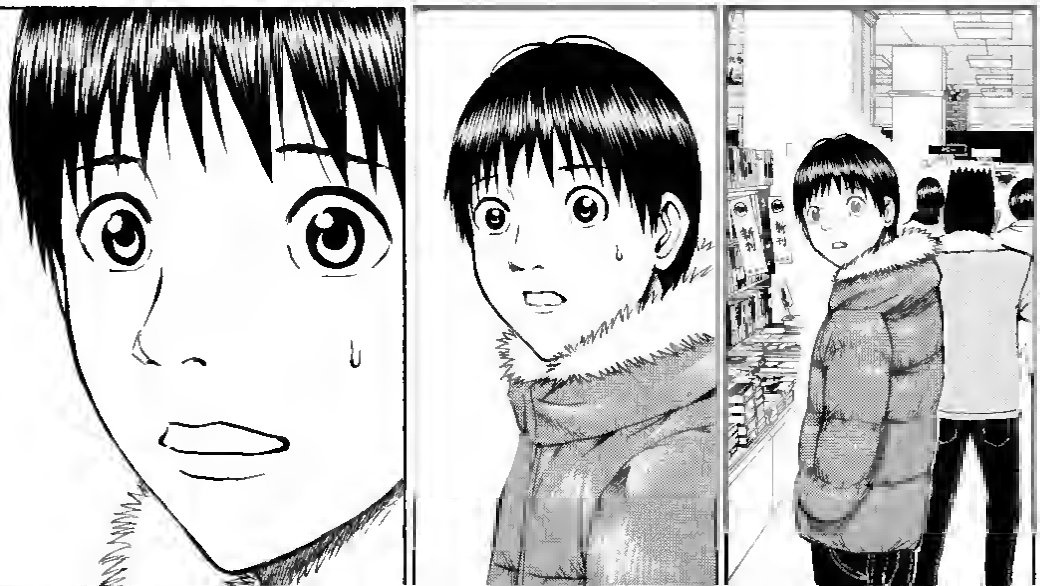
"THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE!"
こちら 最後尾
WHOA! WHOA!
We're sure you'll love this dirty shrine moiden!
OHHH!! SHE'S CUTE!!
Former Actual Shrine Maiden Reiko Akoga
Today at 2:00PM At This Location
THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE...
DON'T THEY HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO ON NEW YEAR'S?
I SEE THERE ARE MANY LIKE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS IN LINE.
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS POSTER!!
HEY, GUYS! YOU THINK THIS IS THE GIRL?!
DANG!
M-MY WORD...
IT'S LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A DREAM.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!
YOU'RE TELLING ME WE CAN REALLY FONDLE THIS CUTE GIRL'S BOOBS FOR 1,000 YEN?
...

I'M GOING HOME.
O-OKAY.
-SIGH-
I BET FACES AND STUFF DON'T EVEN COME INTO THE PICTURE WITH HIM ANYMORE...
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THEIR AGE, HUH?
THAT GUY'LL NEVER BE HAPPY HIS WHOLE LIFE.
ALL RIGHT!! LET'S LINE UP!!
OH! YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
LET'S CHEER UP AND TRY THIS AGAIN!
AKOGA-SAN HAS ARRIVED!!
AHHHHH! WAIT A SECOND, YOU GUYS!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, AOSHIMA?! I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO BEFORE ME!!
ITOU, CAN YOU LEND ME ¥1,000?
ARE YOU PLANNING TO GROPE HER TWICE?!!

QUIETLY...
SHE LOOKS PRETTY DIFFERENT FROM THE PICTURE...
SLUMP!!
AHHH?! WHAT'S WRONG, EVERY-ONE?!
A... AOSHI-MA...
THEY GOT US... THIS IS TOTAL COVER FRAUD...
ARE YOU OKAY, ELECTRIC MEDUSA?!

L... LEND ME SOME CASH!
YOU REALLY DO LOVE UGLY CHICKS, DON'T YOU?!


NO, NO, NO, NO! NO MATTER WHAT HER FACE LOOKS LIKE, BOOBS ARE STILL BOOBS, RIGHT?!!
QUAN-TITY OVER QUAL-ITY!!
LET'S JUST GO...
WAIT!! WAIT A MINUTE, GUYS!!



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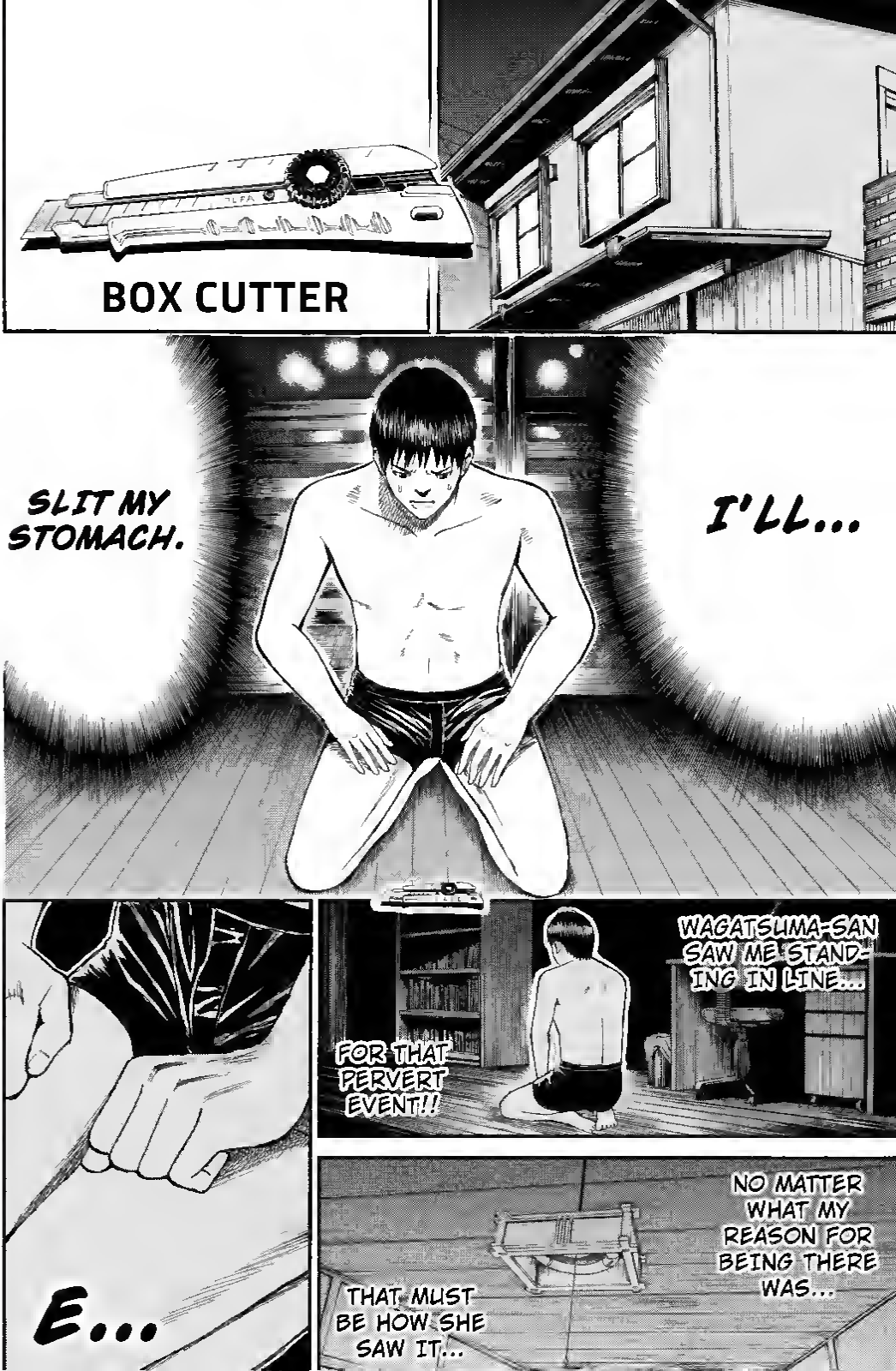
WAGA-TSUMA-SAN?
LISTEN UP! I'M TELLING YOU...

GO FEEL ALL THE UGLY GIRL BOOBS AND BUTTS YOU WANT!!
WHAT THE HECK KIND OF SITUATION IS THIS...?
SO LET'S FEEL SOME BOOBS!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER THEY'RE UGLY OR PRETTY; THEY'VE ALL GOT THE SAME PARTS!!
YOU LIKE BOOBS TOO, DON'T YOU?!
A VERY COMPRO-MISING SITUA-TION!!
SHE'S SEEN ME IN...
YOU WANT TO FEEL REIKO-TAN'S BOOBS TOO, DON'T YOU, AOSHIMA?!
HUUUUUH?! YOU LIKE UGLY CHICKS' BOOBS, AOSHIMA?!
AHHHHH! FOR SOME REASON, WAGATSUMA-SAN IS STARING AT US!
REIKO AKOGA'S COVER FRAUD MUST'VE HIT HIM PRETTY HARD.
WHOA...HIS EYES ROLLED BACK IN HIS HEAD.
TALK ABOUT SCARY...
WHAT THE?! THIS TIME AOSHIMA FAINTED!!
THUD


BOX CUTTER
SLIT MY STOMACH.
I'LL...
E...
FOR THAT PERVERT EVENT!!
WAGATSUMA-SAN SAW ME STANDING IN LINE...
THAT MUST BE HOW SHE SAW IT...
NO MATTER WHAT MY REASON FOR BEING THERE WAS...

I MUST CLEAR IT UP!!
THE FUTURE'S GONNA CHANGE AGAIN!!
I WANT TO CLEAR UP THIS MISUNDER-STANDING AT ALL COSTS!!
EVEN THOUGH THAT'S WRONG!!
THAT THING ON NEW YEAR'S DAY WASN'T WHAT YOU THOUGHT!!
SHOULD I TELL HER DIRECTLY?!
AFTER SCHOOL STARTS BACK
AHHH... WHY AM I SO GOOD AT THINKING UP DEPRESSING OUTCOMES...?
NO, REALLY!! I'M TELLING YOU--
OH, REALLY?
SO IT'S NOT WHAT I THINK, HUH?
OH, REALLY?
PATTERN ① "PUSHING UPHILL"
YAAARGH?!
EW!! HOW GROSS!
HUH?! THAT'S WHAT KIND OF EVENT THAT WAS?!
PATTERN ② "THE HORNET'S NEST"

I KNEW IT. HERE, I MUST SLIT OPEN MY BELLY TO PROVE MY INNOCENCE.
I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT.
JEEZ, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
AOSHIMA-KUN, ARE YOU...
Ai Wagatsuma
1/1 (Wed)
Ai Wagatsuma
Aoshima-kun, are you busy tomorrow?
BUSY TOMOR-ROW?
IS THIS SUDDEN TEXT A DEATH SENTENCE?! OR MAYBE...
NEXT ISSUE, WE PLUNGE INTO A SUDDEN SHOCKING TURN OF EVENTS!!

THE EVENT KNOWN AS "THE BLOODY INCIDENT IN MATSUNO-OOROUKA" IN WHICH THE LORD OF AKOU NAGANORI ASANO INJURED YOSHIHISA KIRA TOOK PLACE.
THE YEAR IS 1701, MARCH OF THE 14TH YEAR OF THE GENROKU ERA. INSIDE HONMARU PALACE, DEEP WITHIN EDO CASTLE, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS "MATSUNO-OOROUKA"...
YOU THERE, WONDERING WHAT THE HECK MANGA YOU'RE READING!! READ PAGE TWO AND YOU'LL UNDERSTAND!

RAIDED THE KIRA RESIDENCE IN DECEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AFTER A FIERCE TWO-HOUR BATTLE, THEY CARRIED OUT THEIR REVENGE.
THE FORTY-SEVEN SAMURAI, FORMERLY OF AKOU, LED BY OOISHIKURA-NOSUKE, DIS-SATISFIED WITH THIS PUNISHMENT...
YOSHIO OOISHIKURANOSUKE

THIS IS THE INFAMOUS "GENROKU AKOU INCIDENT," AKA "THE 47 RONIN."
THE CITIZENS OF EDO RECOGNIZED THESE FORTY-SEVEN MEN WITH APPLAUSE, CALLING THEM LOYAL RETAINERS.

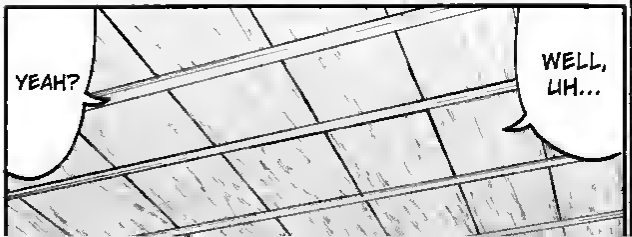
NAGANORI WAS FORCED TO COMMIT HARAKIRI THE VERY SAME DAY, AND THE LORDSHIP OF AKOU WAS PLACED UNDER ATTAINDER*.
*"ATTAINDER"... PUT SIMPLY, IT'S LIKE GOING BANKRUPT.

BUT...

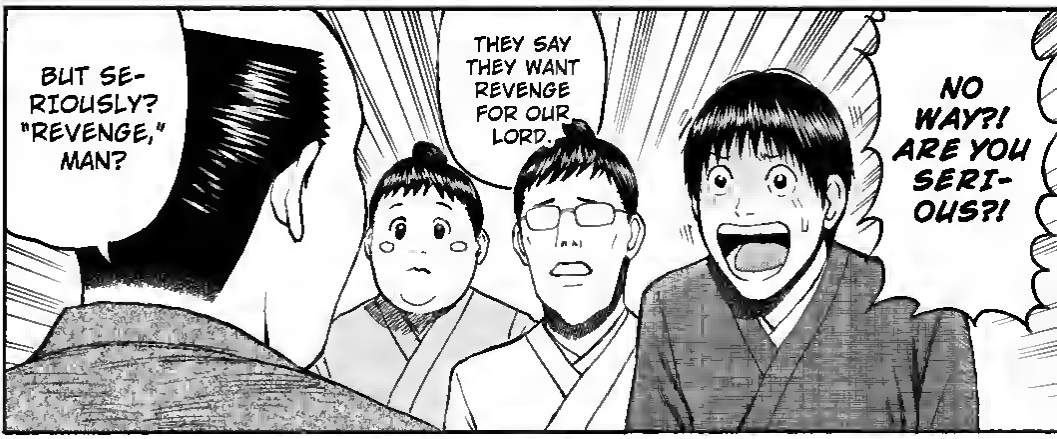
A LITTLE BEFORE THE REVENGE
I MEAN, YOU START TO WONDER, RIGHT?
"WERE ALL THE FORMER AKOU RETAINERS REALLY SUCH GREAT MEN?"
...THIS IS THAT KIND OF STORY.
"YEAH, I BET THERE WERE SOME DUDES LIKE THIS AMONG THEM, RIGHT?"

WHAT'S SO UR-GENT?
SO WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

YO!
THUNK
'SUP.


YEAH?
WELL, UH...

HUUUH?!
OOISHI AND THE BOYS SAY THEY'RE GOING AVENGING.
IT'S KO-HATSU
IT'S A SIDE STORY, MOTHER DEAR!!
MY WIFE IS WAGATSUMA-SAN
STORY: YUU KURAISHI COMIC: KEISHI NISHIKIDA



IF ONLY OUR LORD HADN'T SNAPPED AND GONE SWINGING HIS SWORD AROUND, THE AKOU DOMAIN WOULD STILL RE AROUND, AND WE WOULDN'T HAVE ENDED UP UNEMPLOYED...
WEREN T YOU AIMING TO BE A NEET ANYWAY?

*THIS IS A WORK OF FICTION. ANY RESEMBLANCE TO ANY ACTUAL PERSONS, ORGANIZATIONS, OR EVENTS IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL.

WE WEREN'T INVITED...

DANG IT!! EVEN IN ANOTHER ERA, THIS IS HOW WE'RE TREATED?!
THIS IS THE..."NOW WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?" MEETING.

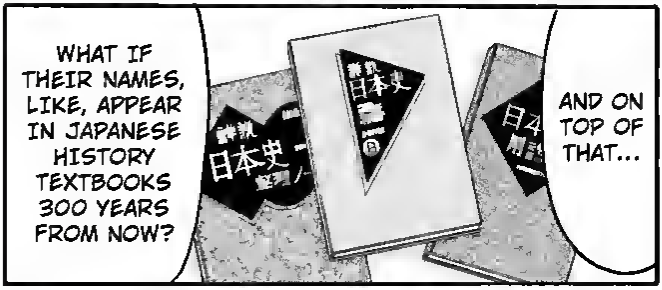
HUH?

WHAT DID WE GATHER FOR TODAY?
THEN, SO...

THE OPINION OF THE PRO-PARTICIPATION SIDE
WELL, UH...
WE WERE TECHNICALLY WARRIORS OF THE AKOU DOMAIN...
SO SINCE WE HAVE THE CHANCE, I THINK WE SHOULD PARTICIPATE.
BUT, GUYS... WE WEREN'T INVITED.
IF WE CRASH A GATHERING WE WEREN'T INVITED TO...
YEAH, YOU MAKE A GOOD POINT...
WHADDA YOU THINK? WANNA GO AVENGING?
WON'T IT BE KIND OF AWKWARD?
THEY'RE SO WEAK-WILLED!!
YEAH, WE CAN TELL WHEN WE'RE NOT WANTED.
I CAN'T STAND THOSE AWKWARD SITUATIONS...
YEAH... GUESS WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
YEAH, MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST STAY HOME.

?
WHAT IS IT, MATRIX TSU?
WHY THE LONG FACE?
HEY, GUYS...
OUR COUNTRY HAS RENOUNCED WAR ANYWAY!
WHO WANTED TO GO OUT FOR REVENGE ANYWAY?!!!
NO OBJECTIONS!!!!
THEN I GUESS WE AREN'T PARTICIPATING!
WON'T THEY GET, LIKE, HUGE AMOUNTS OF ATTENTION AND BECOME REALLY POPULAR?
IF OOISHI AND THE GANG DO MANAGE TO AVENGE OUR LORD...
I BET THEY'LL GET ALL THE CHICKS TOO, HUH?
YEAH... I GUESS SO...
HMM...
THEY'LL BE TREATED LIKE HEROES, AND...
AND PEOPLE WILL CALL THEM "TRUE SAMURAI WHO SETTLED THEIR LORD'S SCORE" AND STUFF...

"I LOVE YOSHIO" "LOVE THE LOYAL RETAINERS" "GOOD WORK GETTING REVENGE, KURANOSUKE-SAMA," "LOVE KURANOSUKE" "EEK KURANOSUKE-SAMA!!!"



"JAPANESE HISTORY"

SHINICHI TSUTSUMI
KOUICHI SATOU
AND SOME HANDSOME ACTOR PLAYS OOISHI OR SOMETHING?!
OR THEY GET TURNED INTO ONE OF THOSE TWELVE-HOUR YEAR-END MINI-SERIES?!

I DON'T KNOW IF I'M VERY JEALOUS OF THAT PART...
YOU REALLY LOVE FUJO-SHI, HUH?
LUCKY DOGS!!
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I BET PEOPLE'LL EVEN RELEASE BOYS-LOVE DOUJINSHI* ABOUT THEM, AND THEY'LL BE ADORED BY HISTORY-LOVING FU-JOSHI** FOR ALL TIME!!

*SELF-PUBLISHED FAN COMICS **FEMALE OTAKU, GENERALLY YAOI FANS

THEY PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO FIGHT ALONG-SIDE SUCH GLOOMY JERKS...
WHY DIDN'T THEY IN-VITE US?
I HOPE THEY GET HIT BY A METEORITE AND END UP TOAST!
THOSE ACCURSED LIFE-HAVERS...

HMM...
TO A-VENGE OUR LORD?!
YOU WANT US...
*IT'S STILL KOMATSU

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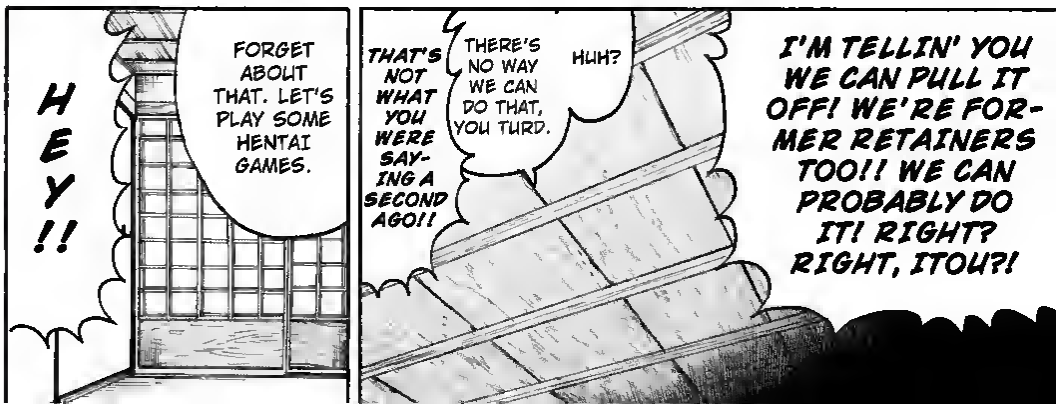
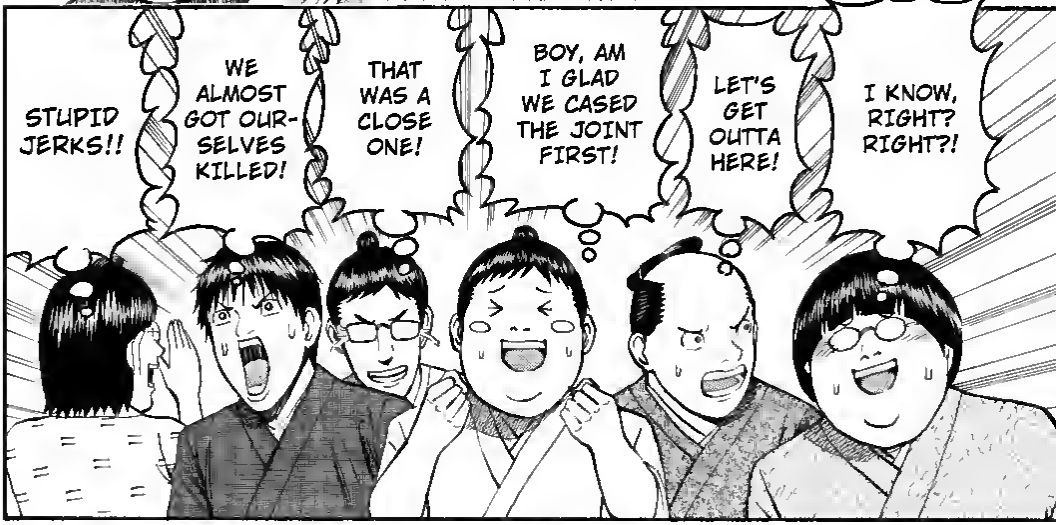
FLOP~
HUH ?!!!
NOT A CHANCE. NO WAY IN HECK.


HEY!!
FORGET ABOUT THAT. LET'S PLAY SOME HENTAI GAMES.
THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU WERE SAY-ING A SECOND AGO!!
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN DO THAT, YOU TURD.
HUH?
I'M TELLIN' YOU WE CAN PULL IT OFF! WE'RE FOR-MER RETAINERS TOO!! WE CAN PROBABLY DO IT! RIGHT? RIGHT, ITOU?!

HONJO, EDO, THE KIRA RESI-DENCE
A FEW DAYS LATER
OHHH!!
WHOA...

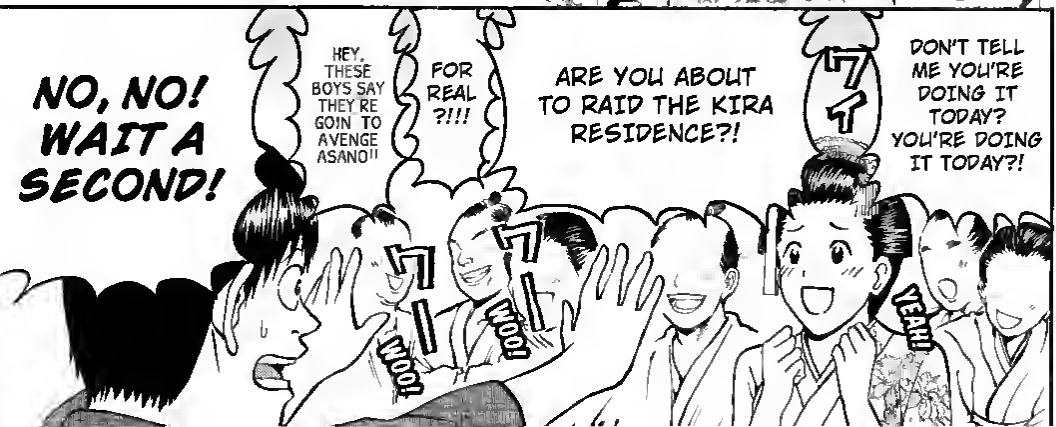
ALL RIGHT.
HNGH...
LET'S RE-TREAT.
IT'S STILL KOHATSU!
STOP PUSH-ING!
IT'S NO USE. WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE.
THEY LOOK LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF ONE OF TETSUO HARA'S* DRAWINGS.
HEY NOW, WHAT THE HECK ARE THEY DOING HERE?!

*ARTIST OF "FIST OF THE NORTH STAR"


STUPID JERKS!!
WE ALMOST GOT OUR-SELVES KILLED!
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
BOY, AM I GLAD WE CASED THE JOINT FIRST!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
I KNOW, RIGHT? RIGHT?!

☆CHUUSHIGURA TRIVIA☆

ACTUALLY, THE AKOU RONIN'S PLAN FOR VENGEANCE HAD LEAKED THRDUGHDUT ALL OF EDO, MADAM. I EVEN READ ON THE NET THAT THE STREETS AROUND THE KIRA RESIDENCE WERE FULL OF RUBBERNECKS THE DAY DF THE RAID.



HUH?
OH... BUT LOOK OVER THERE.
WHAT? YOU'RE NOT?
YEAH, WE'RE NOT DOING THAT!!
WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT!!
BUT FOR NOW, WE'RE JUST GOING TO GO OUT THERE AND TRY TO ENJOY OUR VENGEANCE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
WELL, OF COURSE WE'D LIKE TO WIN...
SNAP
SNAP
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR PROSPECTS FOR TODAY ARE?
HUUUH?
WHEN DID YOU BECOME A PRO AT ANYTHING, YOU FRIGGIN' NEET?!
AND AS A PRO, I HAVE TO RESPOND TO THE EXPECTATIONS OF MY CUSTOMERS.
YEAH, BUT THE AUDIENCE EXPECTS IT FROM US...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WE'RE NOT DOING THAT, ARE WE?! WE'RE NOT GONNA GET REVENGE!!

HEY! HEY!
OH, NO! WE'RE NOBODY! IN FACT, WE WERE JUST LEAV--
WHADDA YOU THINK YER DOIN', CAUSIN' A RUCKUS IN FRONT OF SOMEBODY'S HOUSE?!
WHOOOOOM...
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WHO'RE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?
KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT, YOU CRAZY OLD COOT!
AND THEY'RE GONNA KILL YOU NICE AND SLOW TOO!!
JUST YOU WAIT! THESE AKOU SAMURAI ARE ABOUT TO SETTLE THEIR DEAD LORD'S SCORE ALL OVER YOU!!
GOOD LUCK, AKOU FOLKS!
OH, THEY'RE ABOUT TO THROW DOWN.
COME WITH US FER A BIT.
OH? YOU PUNKS'RE FROM AKOU?
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HEE HEE HEE
AKOU?

THAT'S NOT AT ALL WHY WE CAME HERE...
LOOK... I'M TELLING YOU...
AH! I'M SORRY!! I'M REALLY SORRY!!
YOU TALKIN' BACK TO ME?!
YOU JERK!
I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU... THAT WAS SOME-THING ELSE...
YEAH? WELL, YOU WAS TALK-IN' PRETTY BIG OUT FRONT...
ONE, TWO... THREE.
POINT TO HIM ON THE COUNT OF THREE.
THEN WHOSE IDEA WAS IT FER YOU TO COME HERE?
DANG IT!!
WHOOSH
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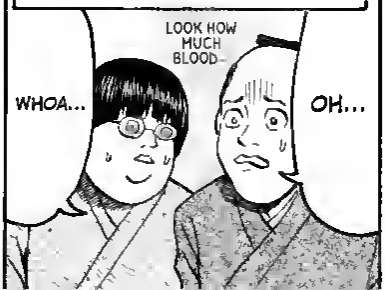
SO YER THE RING-LEADER, HUH?
OH... WELL... I DON'T KNOW IF I'D GO THAT FAR...
HUH?
"CHOOSE"?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "CHOOSE"?
CHOOSE THE ONE YOU LIKE BETTER.
ニヤリ
GRIN
YOU WANT IT "13 ASSASSINS"-STYLE OR "COLD FISH"*-STYLE?
THE CHOICE IS YERS.
HEE HEE HEE
I HAVEN'T SEEN EITHER ONE, BUT I'VE GOT A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS!
*SAMURAI EPIC FILM AND SERIAL KILLER FILM, RESPECTIVELY
PLEASE DON'T DO THIS, SIR!!
OH!
I JUST THOUGHT UP "OUTRAGE*"-STYLE!!
YARGH! THIS GUY IS THE THOMAS EDISON OF EXECUTIONS!!
*YAKUZA FILM
WHAM
WHAM
HMM ?!!!

SHIK
BA-DAM
STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP
ALL RIGHT, EVERY-BODY! THIS IS A RAID!
THEY WEREN'T ALONE ?!!!
GEH!!
HOO-RAY!
ALL RIGHT! WE'RE SAVED!
HUH?! IT REALLY WAS TODAY ?!!!
HMM ?!!!
OOISHI-SAN! LET US HELP TOO!!

FRIENDLY FIRE WAS NOT A RARE OCCURRENCE ON CHAOTIC BATTLE-FIELDS...I THINK. MAYBE. I DON'T REALLY KNOW.



OH, FUJI-Q, YOU'RE SO CLUMSY!
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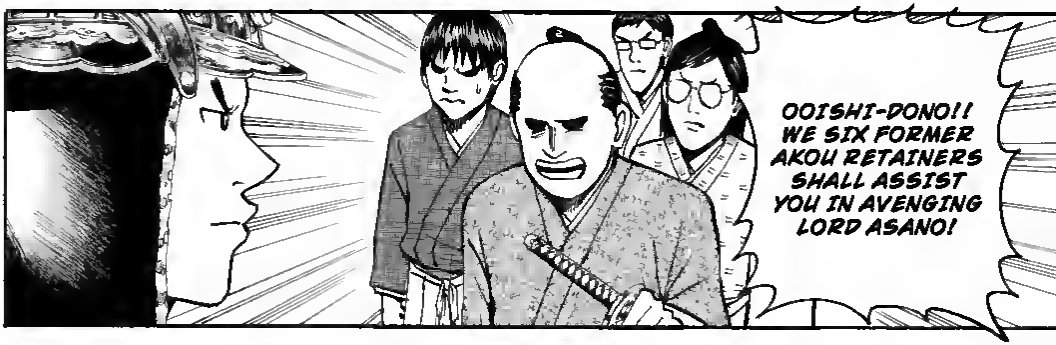
TEE-HEE
PFFT!
OH! WHOOPS! WHEN THAT IMITATION SWORD HIT ME, IT POPPED THE CARTON OF TOMATO JUICE IN MY BREAST POCKET!



HAVING SUCCESSFULLY DEFEATED KIRA, THE 47 RONIN PLACED HIS HEAD BEFORE THEIR MASTER'S GRAVE. IN FEBRUARY OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THEY WERE ORDERED TO COMMIT HONORABLE HARAKIRI BY THE SHOGUNATE. THESE GALLANT RETAINERS ARE STILL TALKED ABOUT TO THIS DAY, OVER THREE HUNDRED YEARS LATER.